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October 8, 1992

Mr. James Baker, Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir:

To act to get the economy moving, President Bush needs to understand the psychology of the low and middle income person who of necessity must purchase big ticket items with time payments. This group of people pay more for big ticket items than do the wealthy. It is expensive to be poor! Up until the tax reform act, these people, when purchasing a clothes washer or automobile on time (for example) could always justify their purchase by the thought that the interest they were paying would be deductible against their income tax. This is no longer true and people who must buy with time payments have been deferring their purchases thereby slowing down the economy and delaying our recovery from the current recession.

If the president would announce that in fairness to people who must buy on time, he would ask the congress to amend the tax law to once again permit the deduction of such interest payments we would see an immediate positive reaction. This would be real tax relief for the little guy. The stock market would go up and the mood of our country would become more optimistic.

I know that it is really a long shot to expect that you will actually see this letter. If you do not use my suggestion, or if some intermediate person decides not to waste your time with this letter, I hope I will be spared a thank you from a junior staffer.

// With best wishes for President Bush to be reelected.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Freehauf
Frank R. Freehauf

JAB-05

Wm

10-5-92

Dear Secretary Baker:

I have recently written the

President and Vice-President expressing

my extreme dissatisfaction of the job they

have done over these past four years.

The domestic policies of this administration

have brought this nation to its knees

from an economic and employment

standpoint. The vision necessary for

our future has not manifested itself

in a positive way.

I am not unaware writing you to

complaint about our past ~~domestic~~ policy.

I believe Gov. Bill Clinton will be our

next President and feel he should be.

I wanted to write you specifically

to thank you for a job WELL DONE

until you acted on our behalf as

Secretary of State. You have conducted

yourself in an exemplary manner for

the good of the nation. I am proud

that you served in your position. You

are owed a heartfelt thanks from the

people of this nation for your peace

John F. Bayan

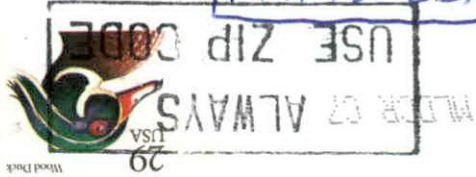
I sincerely yours,

efforts on our behalf. Your negotiations
with past Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko
helped secure our future for peace. I
know you and the ministers are friends
from your fishing in Wyoming and
hope you maintain that friendship.
Secretary Bayan you are a Statesman
for your nation and stand always
have my respect.
I can't help thinking this nation may
have been better with you as its leader.
I thank you for your efforts
and wish you all the best for the
future.

[EYES ONLY]

SECRETARY JAMES BAKER III
THE WHITE HOUSE
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

[EYES ONLY]



JOHN SAYLER
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Mrs. Kenneth S. Barto
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October 6, 1992

JAB-07A

Mr. James Baker
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

What a blessing you are to our country and to the world. Thank you

Now to the task at hand — "Please ask Mr. Bush to emphasize The Cost of a Peacetime Economy. For decades our prosperity was built on 'war materiel'. Now, unemployment from those industries plus the 'pulling effect' is costing jobs. Billions of dollars (how many?) cut from the yearly budget means job losses (how many?). This means more funds are needed for Research, Retooling, Retraining, Re-employment. Remind all those with pensions, investments that their funds plus other funds from the middle class and those 'so called rich' are necessary to combat our problems.

2. Administrative costs have been mentioned already. Perhaps my idea

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can help. In the 1970's the government cost was \$300. to deliver a \$100. check to a welfare recipient. Today? This cost might be easily found through a computer check on a state (s). How much is sent, how much is actually paid out, and the rest is cost.

3. No matter what we think about abortion. Pickets at clinics are denying women their rights in our present legal system. Martin Luther King never tread on the rights of others to achieve his goals. Can our president accept this? The average citizen needs understandable information. Please help.

Sincerely
Peta T. Barto

JAN-05

WPA

SEPT 30, 1992

TO JAMES BAKER SECRETARY
OF STATE I REALLY ENJOY

HEARING GOOD THINGS ABOUT YOU

YOU WORK SO HARD FOR OUR COUNTRY

TO DAD THAT WE DON'T HAVE

TO MANY JOBS BECAUSE

OF THE RIOTS WE HAD

MY MOM BROTHER'S A POLICE OFFICER

FOR SANTA MONICA P.D.

HE WORKS SO HARD

TO KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN

HIS NAME IS JOE GARDNER

I HAVE RESPECT FOR OUR FAMILY

GOD BLESS YOU WORKING

FOR OUR COUNTRY

SINCERELY

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PMS PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, DLR
ATTN PATTY PRESOCK, DLR
WHITE HOUSE--WEST WING
WASHINGTON DC 20005
DEAR MR PRESIDENT:
NAME YOUR ECONOMIC TEAM AND CABINET NOW. CHALLENGE CLINTON TO NAME
HIS SO THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WILL BE
RUNNING THE COUNTRY IF HE'S ELECTED. YOU WERE GREAT SUNDAY
NIGHT...COME OUT SMOKING ON THURSDAY. BEST PERSONAL WISHES,
GEORGE KETTLE

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MR. JAMES BAKER
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR MR. BAKER:

I WOULD ^{LIKE} TO MAKE TWO SUGGESTIONS
TO BE DELIVERED DURING THE LAST DEBATE
OR AT TIME YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE:

FELLOW AMERICANS LET US PUT POLITICS
ASIDE AND LET ME ASK YOU THESE
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS: IS IT FAIR TO YOU
TO HAVE ANY ONE WHO HAS DELIBERATELY
AVOIDED, EVADED, OR DODGED THE MILITARY
SERVICE TO BECOME THE COMMANDER-IN-
CHIEF? WHAT MORAL VALUE WOULD WE
BE TEACHING OUR CHILDREN? WHAT KIND
OF "MORALE" WOULD WE HAVE IN THE
MILITARY? AND WHAT CAN WE SAY TO
THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES
ON ACTIVE DUTY? IS IT FAIR?

THE DEFICIT HAS BECOME A 'CRONIC
DISEASE THAT REQUIRES THE STRONGEST
POSSIBLE REMEDY. MR. PRESIDENT, WHY CAN'T
YOU TAKE A SALARY CUT AND ^{ASK} CONGRESS TO
DO THE SAME AND ^{ALSO} PASS THE BALANCE
BUDGET AMENDMENT. THUS THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WILL BE MORE RESPONSIVE WHEN
CALL UPON TO SACRIFICE.

SINCERELY YOURS
MOSÉS S. Z. COOPER

CONCERNED FATHER

P.S.

MONEY SHOULD NOT BE THE MAIN MOTIVATING FACTOR
IN THE MAIN OFFICE!
HIGHER
SEEKING
FOR

Met this young black man in the library today.
Thinking same. I told him I was sending some
paper clippings to White House. He asked me to enclose
this letter.

I am sending many clippings out to large
black newspapers.

What Arkansas needs

October 3, 1992

One governor who talks straight

At least Arkansas has one governor who can take a clear stance on the new and promising free-trade agreement with Mexico. "In Arkansas we see it overwhelmingly as an opportunity for jobs," says Jim Guy Tucker, the state's junior and straight-talking governor.

The market for Arkansas rice alone — down the Arkansas-Mississippi riverway and out the Gulf to Tampico — is enough to make it clear why someone with this state's interests in mind and at heart would support the trade pact.

The state's senior and largely absent governor has other things on his mind just now. Being a presidential candidate tends to make some things secondary, like his oath of office as governor of Arkansas. Other considerations may loom larger — like holding a broad but disparate national coalition together at least through No-

vember 3rd. The Candidate is doing just that by telling each interest what it wants to hear — a skill he has honed to an art and racket.

For example, Slick Willie is still dancing around the free-trade agreement, telling business he's in favor of it in principle, and telling labor unions fearful of change that he has reservations about the actual treaty:

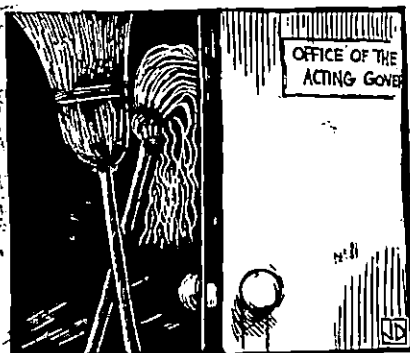
"I think it is imperative that we make alliances with Mexico." — June 2, 1991.

"I am reviewing (the free-trade agreement with Mexico carefully and when I have a definitive opinion I will say so." — August 21, 1992.

"The trade agreement with Mexico should be reviewed in terms of whether it will be a net benefit for both countries." — September 23, 1992.

More of the same doubtless to come. This vague sort of thing could go on indefinitely and, in Slick Willie's case, has.

As for the lieutenant and real governor, he has enough to do cleaning up the messes Bill Clinton has left behind without having to hold his mouth right when he discusses national issues that affect Arkansas — like this trade agreement. It's good to have at least one governor from Arkansas who knows his mind and speaks it.



Environmental abuses *August 23, 1992* abound in Natural State

BY BILL KRAMER

Special to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

"How are things in Arkansas, governor?" reporters are fond of asking Bill Clinton now that he's running for president.

His response is that things are looking up — especially since he's been governor.

Better take a closer look, Bill. Things are not looking up in your home state. Instead, more and more workers are losing their jobs and vital industries are being threatened with destruction — all by the very people you are so busy cozying up to.

Increasingly, Arkansas is reminiscent of Oregon, where lumberjacks are replaced by owls and farming strangled as irrigation waters are foolishly diverted to preserve suckers.

Some 1,100 timber industry jobs were lost in Arkansas' Ouachita National Forest in 1991 due to appeals of Forest Service tree sales.

"It's not true that we're against cutting trees," proclaimed Jerry Williams the other day to the Concerned Citizens Coalition in Mena. Williams represents an environmental group known as Ouachita Watchdog League — OWL — which is closely aligned with Sierra. Though not invited to speak, he usurped the floor and held forth at great length.

I had just addressed the meeting and accused environmental groups of wanting to lock up public and private forests and prevent any timber harvesting whatsoever.

I accused them of raping United Way drives by demanding access to charity funds, of falsifying science, of putting plants, animals and rocks ahead of humans, and destroying free enterprise, private property rights and human freedoms.

I pointed out they are enormously funded by Old Wealth and Big Business and maintain giant lobbies and publicity factories in Washington and state capitols which intimidate legis-

Commentary

lators into passing laws that benefit environmental bureaucracies but are against the public interest.

I detailed pronouncements by green groups advocating elimination of private cars and single-family homes. Finally, I stated that oppressive environmentalism increasingly dominates our society and our government, that the movement is as tyrannical as the Nazis were and more dangerous than Communism ever was.

Williams was angered by my statements and accused me of lying.

"We're not against the timber industry," Williams said. "Our appeals (of Forest Service sales) have not cost a single job. We want selective cutting, not clear cutting. This will bring bigger timber harvests and a better mix of hardwoods and pine."

But Jim Crouch, who also addressed the meeting, had a different message. Crouch spent many years with the Forest Service and was an experienced Forest Supervisor when he left in 1987 to become a management consultant.

"Besides all the jobs lost to frivolous appeals," Crouch said, "federal contributions to Ouachita area counties have dropped \$4 million due to reduced gas, oil and lumbering payments to the Forest Service. This especially hurts school districts."

"My appeals have not been frivolous," Williams insisted. "Here's one of them right here." He exhibited a stack of what appeared to be about 800 pages.

"You know what was in that stack?" Crouch remarked afterwards.

"What?" I asked.

"Reports and maps and nonsense accumulated in the 52 appeals he's filed since 1989," he said.

"There's no substance to them

— the aim is to prevent cutting trees.

"And the fact is there've been no timber sales on the Ouachita since 1990 because appeals tie Forest Service personnel in knots going over and responding to them. It costs the government an average of \$150,000 for every appeal settled.

"Meanwhile, lumber companies have to lay off employees while the timber just sits there."

"Williams has filed 24 appeals so far in 1992 alone," Tyrone Lewis told me in his offices the day after the meeting. He operates Lewis Lumber Co. in Cove.

"We've had to close our mill except for two days a week and lay people off. Actually the Forest Service has done a great job on the Ouachita. There's always been more wood growing than's being cut," Lewis said.

"But leave it sit and eventually it'll get full of bugs because these people don't want pesticides used. Or else it'll be destroyed by fire. Or both. That's what happens in a forest. Meanwhile, lumber prices are going up because of artificial shortages."

As in Oregon, lumber is not the only industry being savaged. Chicken farming also is being targeted by greens and other groups who oppose raising animals for food.

They claim excrement is polluting rivers and lakes.

"It's just not true," Lewis said. "People use chicken dung to fertilize grasslands where they graze cattle. But it's not polluting our water. In fact, the University of Arkansas ran tests and found no contamination from chicken litter."

Three months ago this column predicted that travesties occurring in Oregon in the name of environmentalism would spread to other states. This shows how it's happening.

—♦—
"Fossil Bill" Kramer of Silver Bay, Minn., writes a column called *The Angry Environmentalist*.

A tour of the ruins



In the the first 100 days of the Clinton administration, this country is going to see "explosive" progress; it's going to be the "most productive period in modern history." That's what Bill Clinton told CBS News the other morning, which is the way he tells things. Take that, FDR.

If you're interested in the way Bill Clinton governs, which is quite another department, note Don Johnson's story on Page 1 of today's paper. It concerns one of the Clinton administration's most ballyhooed efforts in Arkansas — the Rural Development Action Program. This first in a series of articles examines Bill Clinton's record in Arkansas, as opposed to the hyped-up one in the campaign biographies, and it may give interested voters some idea of how a President Clinton would really operate.

There's no doubt that a Clinton administration would begin with a flurry of new programs in all directions, and that each would be called good by its creator. Or in Clintonese: important, historic, and unbelievably successful. The greatest thing since sliced strudel. (Understatement has never been the governor's style.)

Note how Governor Clinton described this particular project in 1988 — "one of the most important economic developments Arkansas has ever made." And again: "I believe it may wind up having an unbelievable impact . . ." If you can't quite place this program, there's a reason. It no longer exists.

A few boosters can still be found here and there, but the consensus of those who took part in the project can be summed up as: whirlwind start, no follow-through. Which is a handy summary of Bill Clinton's whole record as an executive. He's about as hands-on

Paul Greenberg



a manager as the Venus de Milo.

Right now the governor is doing what he does best: campaigning. Once in office, and after the glow of the first hundred days has dimmed, so do the programs. An examination of this one amounts to little more than a tour of the ruins. Again and again a familiar refrain is heard:

"It just seems like the activity was more directed toward getting forms filled out than helping the community." — Ian Quei of Stamps.

"Leadership in implementation of plan is gone due to lack of interest and funds." — Glenda Spratt, an official of the program.

"It provided fodder for a lot of political speeches." — Pat Flanigan, a state representative from Forrest City.

"It wasn't doing any good. It was a waste of time." — Earnest Simpson, an alderman in West Helena.

"I can't name anything it accomplished. It didn't last long and it kind of fizzled out." — Gilda Sullivan in Desha County. And so depressingly on.

Of course a Clinton Plan never fails or ends. It is "phased out," or "evolves," or becomes the basis of some other important, unbelievable, historic program. Gentle Reader may note those familiar explanations, all of which are also to be found in Don Johnson's report. Pay no attention to those seven boxes of paperwork

stacked in the storeroom of an office building in downtown Little Rock. They represent the last remains of the late Rural Development Action Program, R.I.P..

This program cost some \$250,000 during its three-and-a-half years in existence; most of it came from the federal government and was spent on patronage. The program could be considered the forerunner of the Lily White Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission (Bill Clinton, Chairman). It, too, is now defunct. But before going under, it spent some \$2 million, also mainly for salaries and consultants. It, too, is given credit for every good thing that has happened in the Delta since, though it left nothing behind but paperwork and a fancy brochure — not a school or factory or clinic.

There is something even sadder: the possibility that with some real leadership and steady management, a program like Rural Development Action might have amounted to something. Things do get accomplished in rural Arkansas. See the work of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, or the Good Faith Fund in Pine Bluff. Of course those operations have an unfair advantage; they're more than political propaganda. They're led by people who stick to the job, and who do more working than talking.

But just you wait till January 20, 1992, and the first 100 days of the Clinton administration. It's going to produce a record number of important, historic, unbelievable programs . . . just like this one.

June 28, 1992

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Clinton 'tall in the straddle'

August 21, 1992

COUNTERPOINT

John Brummett



At last we see signs of life in George Bush's campaign. Not in Bush, mind you. He still appears kind of dissipated. Just his campaign.

This race will get closer, surely, and it might even be fun. I know people worry about meanness, but I don't mind a little meanness if it's relevant and fair and the metaphors are clever.

Knowing Bill Clinton's vulnerabilities as I do, I would be disappointed if he bested the vaunted Republican attack dogs, supposedly the world's best, and attained the highest office in the land without seeing those vulnerabilities exposed and exploited by at least a few good one-liners.

That leads me to the sign of life, to the best line of last week. It came from Mary Matalin, the deputy campaign manager for Bush who is taking an election-year sabbatical from her romance with James Carville, the senior strategist for Clinton.

She's as biting as Carville with the quip and the insult. Their spats must be something to behold.

In a news release from the Bush

campaign attacking Clinton for, typically, taking both sides of the Gulf War — yes, he agreed with the Democratic congressmen in supporting sanctions, but, no, he would not have wanted Congress to deny support to the president on the resolutions he had worked out with the United Nations — Matalin called Clinton a "man of many panders" whose "back flip on the Persian Gulf War would make an Olympic gymnast green with envy."

But this was the line: "When it came to Desert Storm, Slick Willie was riding tall in the straddle."

"Tall in the straddle." Why, in a dozen years, didn't I ever think of that? It's a perfect image: Here's Bill, kind of cocky, sitting up there high with a big grin on his face, wearing not a cowboy hat, but a Bubba cap, wearing not chaps, but jogging shorts, riding not a horse, but a fence.

"Tall in the straddle" is fair and funny and I praise it at the risk of further offending the woman who said to me at the Big Brothers-Big Sisters roast the other night, "You don't know how Republican you sound sometimes." She kind of spit as she said Republican.

It's Clinton who sounds Republican sometimes. The main thing I have in common with Republicans is that I'd give Clinton a 10 for his verbal gymnastics.

"Tall in the straddle" would have been appropriate on so many occasions.

There was the time Clinton said he had no position on a constitutional amendment to prohibit state funding of abortion because the state didn't spend money on abortion. He turned out to be wrong about that, probably, since the issue of abortions at the University Hospital is tied up in court.

There was the time Clinton vetoed a gasoline tax increase and then instructed the Legislature to override him, then hit up highway contractors for campaign money because he had facilitated the overriding of his own hollow veto.

I could go on, but I don't want to sound too Republican.

Lowering goal

I need to lower expectations for U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers. On Thursday, while reporting that Clinton is about to milk Arkansas sources for another million dollars, drying up sources for state and local politicians, I mentioned that Bumpers would have a fund-raiser Aug. 22 to try to add \$400,000 to \$500,000 to his re-election campaign treasury.

His campaign manager, Nate Coulter, called to say that tickets to the fund-raiser would be only \$250, and that the goal is, at most, \$200,000.

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The two Bill Clintons

Crusader and pol

July 12, 1992

Sometimes the hypocrisy gets a bit thick even for the Clinton campaign. Borrowing a page — or anyway, a paragraph — from Ross Perot's appeal, Bill Clinton did a little lobbyist-bashing in his not-so-grand new economic plan. It was standard stuff: "The government only works for the very wealthy and the special interests." It's all a plot to benefit "high-priced lobbyists and Washington influence peddlers."

The Candidate didn't need to wait for Ross Perot to lead the way; the tone of such rhetoric hasn't changed since William Jennings Bryan was the Democratic standard-bearer almost a hundred years ago. Of course special interests have too much influence on government. Just look at the Clinton administration. For good or ill, or neither, state government often seems but an extension of those interests — certainly where tax breaks, industrial financing, and the environment is concerned.

The contrast between polemics and politics is only par for a sordid course. What distinguishes this courageous attack on lobbyists is that the Clinton campaign itself is awash with them, as *The Wall Street Journal* wasted no time pointing out. Its Jeffrey Birnbaum went down the list, citing chapter and verse and interest:

The Candidate's adviser on American-Israeli relations is David Ifshin, general counsel of the American Israel PAC, and quondam lobbyist for Jamaica and Cyprus. Samuel Berger, another adviser on foreign policy, lobbies for Toyota. Richard Moe, who has been screening vice-presidential timber, has represented the Manville corporation and Occidental Petroleum. Another adviser, Tom Hoog, is vice president of Hill & Knowlton, the PR empire, and once registered as a foreign agent for the People's Republic of China, the greatest misnomer since the Holy Roman Empire.

"About 20 lawyers and lobbyists," the *Journal's* Mr. Birnbaum also reports, "have been meeting regularly for the purpose of

winning endorsements for Mr. Clinton. One of the group's leaders is Scott Pastrick, a lobbyist for Black, Manafort, Stone & Kelly, which long has lobbied for U.S. corporate clients such as the Tobacco Institute, for foreign governments such as Kenya . . ." and so revealingly on.

Are the American people supposed to believe that a presidential candidate who hasn't purged his own campaign of lobbyists is going to lead an all-out crusade against them in government? Well, why not? We've all probably believed a lot more incredible things every day before breakfast. Politicians know that. More unsettling, *they* may believe what they're saying.

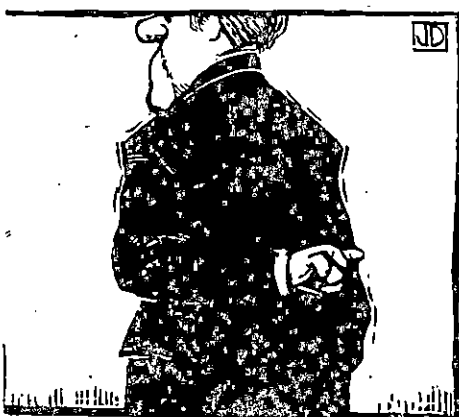
The whole anti-lobbyist posture of The Candidate is of a piece with his pretending to be an outsider in this campaign, a barefoot boy from Oxford. Come now. Bill Clinton's own extensive network of friends and alliances comprises almost a shadow government — an elite opposition from academia, government, think tanks, and the Democratic apparatus. Including lobbies.

Such connections may be unavoidable for a successful operation. Ross Perot, Mr. Outsider, has just hired Ed Rollins and Ham Jordan to run his campaign. Can you think of any two politicians more associated with power and the grab for it? No, what reeks is not the usual presence of lobbyists and other hangers-on but the pretense that The Candidate is going to sweep Washington clean of them once he becomes President Clinton.

Certainly as Governor Clinton, our Native Son crafted an alliance so close with the state's special interests that you could call it a merger. To this day it's not clear whether he co-opted them or they co-opted him. Doubtless a lot of both. The result: Business has been politicized and politics has been mercantiled to such an extent it's not easy to tell them apart.

Even when the Arkansas Development Finance Authority is asked only to approve a loan rather than make it — like the one that was proposed to finance the purchase of 32 nursing homes from Beverly Enterprises — members of the Authority with ties to the financial interests involved are sucked into the murky swirl of politics. Which master are they supposed to be serving — their private interests or the public interest?

Yet this is The Candidate who is going to throw the special interests out of government once he gets to Washington. Better he should start with Little Rock.



August 2, 1992

A wacky idea

For irresponsible government

Egad! If there's anything Arkansas *doesn't* need as the 21st Century approaches on little hippopotamus feet, it is government by referendum. Naturally, that is just what has been proposed by a group calling itself Arkansans for Government by the People. Not necessarily of and for the people, since this group's hot idea is to have every single tax enacted by the Legislature reconsidered by all the state's voters in the next general election. Else the tax would be null and void, along with any projects dependent on the revenues the tax would produce. Like schools and roads. You doubtless already begin to perceive the sheer brilliance of this approach to responsible government.

Listen, we can understand why A.f.G.b.t.P. and anybody else would be fed up with the Legislature and the taxers in general. But disgust should not replace thought. Think — a practice much needed even in politics — of the results of amending the state constitution to subject every tax to a popular plebiscite, particularly one that might not arrive for two years until after the tax is approved by the Legislature. Just consider the length of the ballot

and shudder. One of those old-fashioned Russian novels with all the patronymics would make easier reading.

The General Assembly meets in January of odd-numbered years. (Beware! One is fast approaching.) General elections don't arrive till November of even-numbered years. (They're approaching even more quickly.) Imagine the state's dilemma last spring if the Legislature had been bound by this requirement. The results of that special session called to bail out the state's long neglected child-welfare system would still be hanging in the balance, subject to popular veto. Endangered children can't wait that long, and many other public services shouldn't. This proposal reminds that there are many good reasons for representative government; speed and efficiency are a couple of them.

Any of the state's fiscal emergencies that cropped up during the Eighties would be reason enough for voters to bury this more than slightly wacky proposal.

The people of Arkansas have every right and maybe a duty to object to tax increases. Especially after the 1991 session when practically every tax and fee on the books was raised to the tune of \$132 million a year. Anger is understandable. But hamstringing the legislative process and representative government isn't.

When elected representatives fail to vote the wishes of their constituents, they can be voted out of office. That's how the system ought to work and often does. Let's use it.



Asides

Farewell From Arkansas

Bill Clinton apparently will be spared an unwelcome send-off in Arkansas on Election Day. Authorities there have disqualified a citizen initiative to require voter approval of all state tax increases. Arkansans already enjoy this check on local hikes, and after Mr. Clinton put through his latest levies in 1991, which cost residents more than \$100 each, it seemed time to extend the citizen tax veto. Organizer Larry Hamilton says what

really galled his group was the way Governor Clinton — currently the voice of the middle class — punished working people by such means as extending the sales tax to used cars. But, barring a last-minute court reversal, the ballot item is a dead letter thanks to what sponsors suspect was signature finagling by the secretary of state, a Democrat who is seeking a congressional seat. Arkansans upset about all this have the ironic opportunity to send their Governor packing on Nov. 3.

Wael St. James on October 7, 1992

It took him a while, but at last the all-but-titular nominee of the Democratic Party finally figured out what to say about family values. It can't have been easy, but Dan Quayle has made the subject unavoidable in this campaign. How awkward. There are some things one doesn't discuss in political campaigns — intimate matters like family purity and church attendance. The very words are enough to make some folks squirm — as opposed to legitimate and pressing issues like homosexual rights and the AIDS epidemic. Such is the age: We are made as uncomfortable speaking about faith and morals today as we once were by speaking openly of venereal disease. It is not clear that this represents progress.

Who but a simple hoosier like our vice president would devote a whole speech to family values? What a boor, and what a bore. Yet what he said had to be dealt with because for some reason the masses, formerly the people, seem to take the subject seriously, as if they thought family values had something to do with the state of American society.

Oh, it's all right, indeed almost obligatory, to praise faith and morals in passing. Everything from stockholders' meetings to wrestling matches begins to require an opening and closing benediction. And no presidential address is complete without the ceremonial Salute-to-God at the end. Civil religion, it's called, and it bears about as much relation to religion as public-sponsored art does to art. But to make family values and the television-culture a centerpiece of public debate . . . really.

Bill Clinton had to respond, but how? Well, first laugh it off. That's what all the other comedians are doing. Pretend that the vice president's speech was only about Murphy Brown and her stylish, sitcom single motherhood. Say things like: "My co-contender, Jerry Brown, says he now wants Murphy Brown as his first lady. I have to (give) serious consideration to putting Murphy Brown on the ticket." Or: "We're all laughing about Murphy Brown — it's a diversion."

If a sophisticated candidate must take Dan Quayle seriously, and apparently that's what things have come to in this neo-puritan country, then discuss the subject only in economic terms. Talk about the need for national child-care, for imposing a family-leave policy on business, for higher wages . . . it all sounds good. Then hit your rhetorical high point: "We talk about family values. How about valuing families?"

With an applause-line like that, and a little luck, no one may notice that the discussion of family values has been reduced to a discussion of economic policies. The discussion is no longer about personal behavior and its consequences. Such an approach will surely appeal to the American belief in a no-fault universe, which may be the most prevalent faith around. If you seek its monument, just gaze around at all the social wreckage.

Once again our artful candidate



and dodger has figured out not necessarily what to do about a crisis but what to say about it. If you weren't listening too closely, it might even sound as if Slick Willie had addressed the problem instead of evading it. And all he had to do was confuse values with valuation, as if the crisis in the American family were only a financial one. It is not. Families have been poorer yet more stable at many periods in our history, including some when government aid was yet undreamed of.

Listen to a straight-talking congressman from Texas, Bill Archer: "The most generous social policies will be ineffective in greatly reducing poverty and dependency, so long as the number of children living with single mothers, and especially with never-married mothers, continues to increase." Murphy Brown is a fiction; the three million single mothers in this country living in poverty are not. They are at the troubled center of this country's real social and economic problems.

The late Warren Brookes, whose economic analysis is still sorely missed amidst the continuing swirl of glibpeak, has pointed out how the collapse of the old morality is destroying a whole people. He noted that "the greatest cause of rising poverty today, particularly among blacks, is the soaring incidence of female-headed households and the tragic destruction of the black American family, a tragedy which has no parallel among blacks in the rest of the world. For more than half of all young black Americans, there is now the danger that the economy . . . with its new demands for literacy, education, and self-discipline will represent a far greater natural barrier to economic survival than the most virulent forms of racial segregation and injustice."

Back in the early 1980s, the National Bureau of Economic Research released a hefty study of young people in the inner city. The economists found only one statistically significant factor in the lives of those who somehow managed to escape the crime, violence, drugs and poverty that threaten urban America. It was not child-care programs. It was not family-leave time. It was not a higher minimum wage. It was regular church attendance. How curious — but there it is.

According to the NBER study, attending church regularly was associated with a 20 percent drop in the incidence of criminal activity, 23 percent less drug use, and — get this — a 47 percent increase in potential income. Could it be that belief and behavior have more to do with raising income levels than all the new federal programs, requirements, and incentives that an ambitious presidential candidate can offer?

That old-time religion, aka middle-class morality and the Puritan Ethic, may not be much competition for Murphy Brown on the tube, but it seems to be associated with some good things. Without any stats to back us up, we strongly suspect that going to church is connected with a whole constellation of other not very trendy habits: honoring father and mother, faithfulness in marriage, raising up children in the way they should go . . . call them family values. The whole subject deserves more than a good laugh at Dan Quayle. Or a wholly, blindly economic interpretation of what is a crisis of culture and spirit.

EDITORIALS

Without the Spirit . . .

Bill Clinton on family values 10-7-92

Others have mentioned it in this presidential campaign, although often without bothering to define it. Sometimes the word is used as a synonym for personal morality. Or it may be tossed into the list of presidential qualifications as if it belonged somewhere between seniority and speaking ability. In this year's campaign, Character is often used to denote some kind of permanent quality, as if one acquired it early, like full height or a college diploma, and it never changed.

Character is something more, and less. The familiar figure who has led a life of probity and honor only in order to toss it all aside in one moment of passion has become a staple of literature. So has the story of the reprobate who, after failing every test, rises to the occasion and is redeemed in a single instant. Character refers not just to underlying values but how they fare when tested, and the testing is continuous.

Character is more than principle. There is such a thing as someone rising above his principles — like Huck Finn deciding in one moment of abandon not to inform on his friend Jim. That decision meant abandoning the conventional morality that told him it was wrong to run off with someone else's property, namely, a slave.

A person of character will hold to his principles, but not necessarily. A scrupulous British liberal named Joe Burgess, who was defeated by some Cro-Magnon candidate because he wouldn't compromise here and there, made it into literature via this rebuke from George Bernard Shaw:

"When I think of my own unfortunate character, smirched with compromise, rotted with opportunism, mildewed by expediency . . . stretched out of shape with wire-pulling . . . I do think Joe might have put up with just a speck or two on those white robes of his for the sake of the millions of poor devils who cannot afford any character at all because they have no friends in Parliament. Oh, these moral dandies . . . these spiritual toffs . . . who is Joe, anyway, that he should not risk his soul occasionally like the rest of us?"

A person of good character is supposed to keep his commitments — and so Jephthah in the Good Book sacrifices his daughter to honor a vow, while Father Abraham, having been told by the Lord Almighty himself to offer up his son Isaac, is dissuaded at the last moment by the opportune appearance of an angel, a mere messenger. Which was the man of character?

The president of the United States breaks a campaign promise when he agrees to raise taxes in order to save a budget agreement. Later he will confess his breach of trust, ask forgiveness, and vow to sin no more. The governor of Arkansas breaks his

in order to . . . run for president. He pretends that he has been released from his vow by a series of meetings carefully concocted by his friends and supporters across the state. He admits, and perhaps sees, nothing wrong in his conduct. Which candidate has character?

Is the Character Issue to Bill Clinton what the Vision Thing has been to George Bush? The ability of Arkansas' governor to touch a deep wellspring of doubt in the American public is often attributed to certain long-past indiscretions — his sly misadventures with the draft, his experimenting with marijuana, and other incidents that need not be detailed. But all that might trouble only those unforgiving types who never sowed wild oats of their own.

What troubles is the long string of excuses, evasions, irrelevancies ("I didn't inhale"), and pretifications that The Candidate rolls out to explain his slips even unto the present day. It is not Bill Clinton's private actions so much as his shifting public rationalizations for them that inspire doubts about his character, and an increasingly intense search for signs of it.



A friend from Virginia put it something like this: "If I had a teen-age son who, over the years, sitting at the dining room table, had told me as many different stories as Bill has about various things, I believe I'd take that boy aside and tell him, 'Son, you go on like this and nobody's going to believe a word you say. You're developin' a character problem.'"

The pols who give us the willies are those who have no doubt whatsoever about their character. They're likely to be the ones who explain that their bad checks on the House Bank were not bad checks but examples of "overdraft protection." They seem to have an excuse for everything and no qualms about anything. That kind of cocksure confidence invites scandal, the way pride does a fall.

The politicians who assure in the character department even as they amuse are those rare types like Arkansas' own Ray Thornton. Not too long ago, the congressman apologized profusely for once having written a single uncovered check for \$18 on the House Bank. One sign of character is not being too sure of one's own. The fellow who takes his own faults seriously may not need to have them pointed out by others.

Then there is another sort: The easy-going types who can be terribly casual about things like draft notices and bank overdrafts and conflicts of interest, so confident are they in their own character. They seem to think they don't need to go by the rules and cautions that restrain the rest of us. Theirs is the familiar, self-destructive innocence of the good ol' boy who's always getting into trouble, and getting others into it with him. We've all known somebody like that. We don't fear them so much as fear for them. Our nomination for the scariest thing Bill Clinton has yet said in this campaign is this simple sentence: "I don't have any reservations about the strength of my character."



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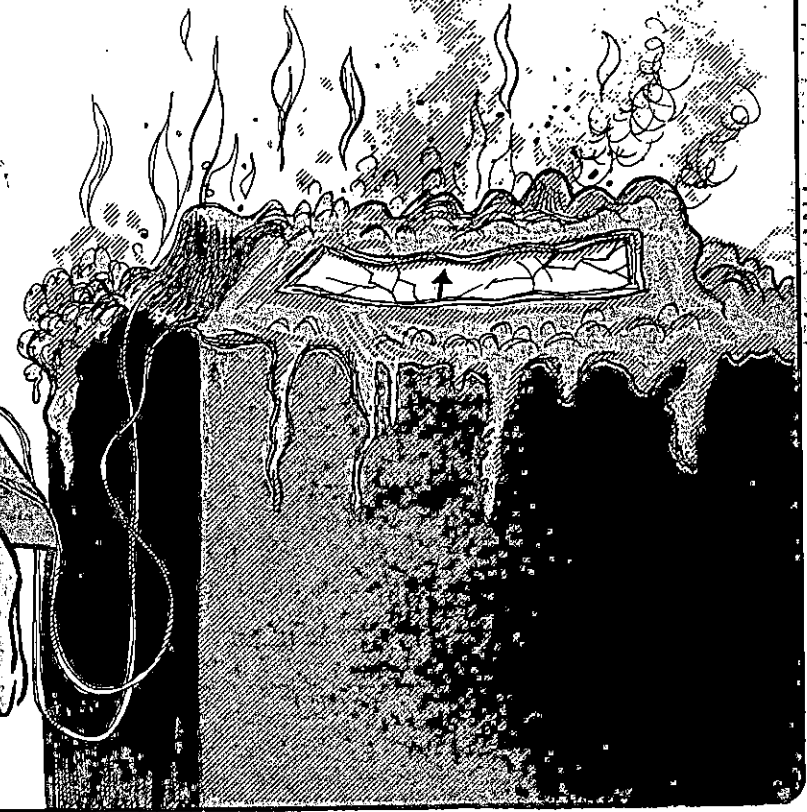
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State government's woes rise as Clinton absence continues

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Meredith Oakley



How is state government getting along in Bill Clinton's absence?

Despite substantial tax increases in the last year, various state departments, notably Human Services, are faced with serious budget problems.

And folks are still calling the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* to complain that they haven't received their state income tax refund checks. Some have been waiting for three months.

In the meantime, the following people in the Clinton administration have tendered resignations this year:

Terry Yamauchi, director of the Department of Human Services;

Art Lockhart, director of the Department of Correction;

Jim Clark, director of the state Crime Laboratory;

Kenny Whitlock, director of the DHS Economic and Medical Services Division.

The list does not include 21 DHS employees whose positions in the Division of Management Services were eliminated because of projected money shortages.

DHS intends to transfer as many as possible to vacant slots in other divisions.

(Whitlock — he of the infamous "Lie about your obstetric patient's due date" memo — is in no hurry to leave. He's waiting for the new DHS director to

come on board July 1 and talk him out of it.

Here's the situation.

Last year, the Legislature imposed a tax on the fees that medical services providers charge for serving Medicaid clients.

The medical community went along with the tax for a quid pro quo — in return for being taxed more, providers were promised higher reimbursement fees from the state.

Whitlock says he promised medical providers at that time that he would resign if the reimbursements were cut.

Now he says he wants to discuss that promise — that "commitment," he called it — with Jack Reynolds, who on July 1 will succeed Yamauchi as DHS director.

What's to discuss? Did he make a commitment to medical providers or not? Is he a man of his word or isn't he?

If he said he would go, he should go. Scat. Skedaddle. Vamoose.

The amount of reimbursement is go-

ing to be cut. State officials have projected a \$60 million shortfall in the Medicaid budget for fiscal 1993, which begins July 1.

Based on the information provided by state officials, one can surmise that if there were no other problems afflicting DHS, the Medicaid situation would still be a crisis, and an incredibly convoluted one at that.

It's going to take more than two part-time governors and a coterie of professional survivors to stabilize the situation, never mind solving it.

I doubt that even a full-time governor and a ruthless hatchet would be enough at this juncture.

But no one wants to talk about tax increases.

Birds of a feather

Weren't you impressed to learn of the "special bond" between Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin?

Clinton said they share this bond because they both had difficult childhoods and both have been counted out a couple of times in their political careers.

Boris Yeltsin. Bill Clinton. Two long-suffering world leaders.

Sigh.

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Republicans just don't get it

The sum total of the political savvy, historical tradition, creative juices, and general intelligence of the Republican Party of the United States, which in the past has produced leaders and martyrs like Lincoln, sources of raw energy like Teddy Roosevelt, pillars of integrity like both Tafts, and landslide winners on the order of Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan, may best be described this year by a simple phrase that I used to hear applied to certain of my fellows when I was growing up in these austral latitudes:

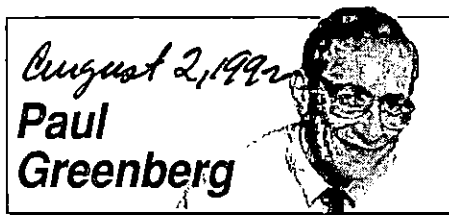
"Not only don't he know much, but he don't suspect a helluva lot."

The Republicans' idea of a way to campaign against Bill Clinton this past week was to accuse him of having a manifestly more sensible and humane policy toward the fighting and suffering in what used to be Yugoslavia than they do. The Clinton camp had hammered out a policy designed to curb Serbian expansionism and its ruinous results, a policy not unlike the one successfully pursued by George Bush against Saddam Hussein, but the supporting cast around the president could only attack it as much too energetic.

Earlier, Mr. Bush himself had accused his rival of secretly being — horrors! — a liberal. This was doubtless supposed to shock and alarm. What it did was bore. The dreaded L-word ain't what it used to be.

The Republican Party's mainly titular leader in this campaign seems unaware not only of the lateness of the hour, but what year it is. Does George Bush think he's still running against Michael Dukakis in 1988? He acts as if he's running in 1980 — not against a demoralized, increasingly irrelevant Jimmy Carter but as Jimmy Carter that year: malaise personified.

The charge that Bill Clinton is a closet liberal does him too much credit. It implies that somewhere he has an identifiable political philosophy. Who



would believe that? Open his political closet and there's nothing there. Or rather, it's crammed full of political identities for every occasion. Back in March, when the presidential campaign was still young, David Shribman of the *Wall Street Journal* chronicled just a few of Bill Clinton's fast changes:

"The candidate who began the race defending himself against charges that he was a 'warmed over Republican' scored his breakthrough against Paul Tsongas in part by questioning the Democratic credentials of the former Massachusetts senator. The man who started out as a Democratic moderate found himself courting the Democratic left. The Arkansas governor who positioned himself as a friend to business criticized his rival as being a creature of Wall Street. The contender who called for shifting spending from defense to domestic matters came out two weeks before the Connecticut primary in favor of continuing production of the Seawolf nuclear submarine, which was to be built in Connecticut, and which even the Bush administration now opposes. . . ."

And that was just back in March. As the campaign changed, so did he, at every turn. He ran against Tom Harkin as a moderate, against Paul Tsongas as a liberal, and against Jerry Brown as a conservative. Bill Clinton's political coloration changed with every challenge. What he thinks, or says he thinks, seems to depend on where you catch him in his political trajectory.

The one predictable aspect of Bill Clinton's philosophy *du jour* is that it will be designed "to maintain my political viability within the system." That

revealing phrase is from a letter he wrote as a 23-year-old Rhodes Scholar to explain why he wasn't going to act on his beliefs and openly resist the draft. The student was father to the man. Then and now, Bill Clinton's chief political principle has been his own political advancement. Moderate or liberal, in Arkansas or out, trickle-down conservative or populist orator, young or less young, he has never deviated from that single, obsessive goal. Such ambition saves a fellow from being a liberal — or anything else. No wonder George Bush's accusation fell flat.

People earn their names, just as George Orwell said we earn our faces after 40. Certain sobriquets become public currency not because they are particularly clever or artful, but because they're inescapable. Everett Dirksen had to be the Wizard of Ooze, and Thomas E. Dewey the little man on top of the wedding cake, and no one was ever much in doubt about the identity of Tricky Dick. The same with Slick Willie.

Credit for the popularity of Slick Willie as shorthand for the political persona of Bill Clinton must go chiefly to Bill Clinton himself; he vindicated that title through years of diligent effort. To claim that his vacuous zigs and zags are really only a cover for liberalism, or for any other coherent political philosophy, is to miss the central theme of his career, and to overlook what is most vulnerable about his appeal this year.

The GOP now has accused Bill Clinton of having character, if only a liberal one. His opponents are taking careful, deliberate aim at his strongest points, ignoring his weakest. But that's the Republicans so far in this campaign: They don't seem to know much, or even suspect a helluva lot.

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About the sky question . . .

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Paul Greenberg



George Bush got down, or rather up, to a real issue this past week in his campaign swing around Arkansas. "This man has the gall to go around America promising the moon," George Bush said of Bill Clinton, "when on issue after issue the sky has fallen in on his own backyard."

Governor Clinton quickly responded that the sky over Arkansas had fallen only 127 inches instead of 128, that he had appointed a \$2.7-million Firmament Fallout Task Force two years ago and was expecting its report momentarily, that an antiquated state constitution prevented him from effectively keeping the sky up because such action would require a three-quarters' vote of the Legislature, and that actually Arkansas had gone from 49th to 47th in median sky height measured longitudinally during his tenure.

Heedless of hand signals from campaign aides, the governor continued to talk about the sky question, saying its fall was largely the result of 12 years of Republican misrule during which most of the empyrean had fallen on the poorest quintile of the population, that he was planning to offer college scholarships to young people who would volunteer to hold it up after graduation, and that the sky had needed lowering in order to attract industry to the state.

The governor added that, being a poor state, Arkansas could not afford as high a sky as surrounding areas, that he and Mrs. Clinton had established standards by which to measure sky height in Arkansas for the first time, and that the national Chicken Little Foundation, which ranked Arkansas 50th in sky height, was only going by paper statistics and had not actually visited Arkansas or taken into account the sky-bolstering measures passed at the last session of the Legislature.

The voters of Arkansas, he continued, had shown their satisfaction with

sky elevation levels by electing him governor repeatedly, that in five gubernatorial campaigns no one had ever questioned his basic dedication to sky maintenance, that selected parts of the sky were actually among the highest in the country, that he had a 17-point program to remedy the problem, and that this would be his final statement on the matter before tomorrow.

At last report, the sky itself remained unaffected by the debate over its height except for the presence of unusual amounts of hot air.

Meanwhile, from the campaign bus somewhere in Georgia, the Democrats' vice presidential nominee — Al Gore — scheduled a speech on skyfall and its ecological roots. Senator Gore's address, in which he is expected to say that the greatest threat to sky height is the internal combustion engine, is to be broadcast nationwide except in certain parts of Michigan.

According to late word from Clinton headquarters, the presidential candidate was scheduled to appear Tuesday night on the Arsenio Hall show to perform "Blue Skies" and "Wild Blue Yonder" on the sax. His press secretary in Arkansas, Mike Gauldin, was quoted as saying that it had taken 150 years of statehood for the sky to reach its present level and no one should expect the descent to be reversed overnight. His best scientific appraisal was that "it might take us a good long time."

Betsey Wright, the governor's

Woman Friday, quickly produced figures indicating that the sky had not fallen in the governor's backyard. Asked about the front yard, she said a comprehensive search had produced no relevant information, and that reports about the sky falling had been planted by Republicans.

The governor's director of economic policy, Gene Sperling, acknowledged that Governor Clinton's plan to lift the sky through a 10-percent surcharge on millionaires' income and a 5-percent increase in the top tax rate would not actually do much to raise sky level, but that the principle of the thing demanded such changes.

While representatives of the poor and middle class in Arkansas continued to display pieces of sky that had fallen on them, J. Bill Becker of the Arkansas AFL-CIO, once among Bill Clinton's sharper critics, told the Associated Press that, while the governor's record on sky matters was earthbound in Arkansas, he expected Bill Clinton to do much better once in Washington and away from the pernicious influence of anti-sky reactionaries in the Legislature.

Dee Dee Myers, the Democratic nominee's national spokesman, said she was aghast at any suggestion that Bill Clinton would let the sky fall. When the governor wasn't reading the meditations of Marcus Aurelius on the folly of worldly ambition and the satisfactions of truth, honor and stoicism in general, she explained, he often diverted himself by reading poetry, usually about sky science and ecofeminism. Bill Clinton would be the last person to let the sky fall, she insisted, wiping a small piece of cloud from her brow.

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Clinton faces grim inheritance

As Bill Clinton moves within a few weeks of being elected president, it becomes appropriate to consider more than the raging contest or what to wear to his inaugural ball.

I refer to the staggering realities he would face if he holds on and wins, most of which would be complicated by his grand and myriad promises.

Traditional Democratic constituencies, hungry after 12 years in the outhouse, see Clinton as the very thing Paul Tsongas insisted he would and should never be: Santa Claus.

I refer to a few of the staggering realities because space is limited, though realities are not. For one thing, let's follow Clinton's lead and neglect for affairs for these purposes.

Clinton would inherit:

- A stagnant economy growing less competitive in the world. He has promised millions of new and better jobs through public works, education and job training. But he also has promised to slash defense jobs and reduce federal government employment by 100,000 positions.

- A near-crisis in health care. He has promised an unclear program to require employers to provide health insurance or pay into a federal program of universal health insurance. But it's uncertain whether struggling small businesses would face a payroll tax.

- The ominous problems of decay and racial tension in the inner cities, to which he's promised an unspecified amount of additional money, more po-

lice and greater leadership on racial issues. But he's neglected this festering sore in recent weeks while catering to

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suburban white voters, many of whom couldn't care less about inner cities, to try to fashion an electability equation.

- A world-record budget deficit and spiraling federal debt, about which he proposes to do essentially nothing directly.

Let me explain: He wants to raise taxes on people making more than \$200,000 a year and cut defense spending by billions. But he wants to turn around and spend the new revenue and the savings on job training, education, law enforcement and the like.

Although he doesn't talk about it anymore, Clinton still is committed to a middle-class tax cut, a kind of trickle-sideways economy policy that would increase, not lessen, the budget deficit.

He says the deficit would be cut incrementally, but not eliminated, over his four-year term. He says the gradual progress would be accomplished by economic growth stemming from his job creation and by controls on health care costs, which drain the treasury through entitlement programs.

He proposes to reduce those health care costs by getting insurers and health care providers to sit down and work things out, cutting paperwork, eliminating unnecessary procedures, things like that.

Speaking of entitlements, Clinton also would inherit his own promise to "end welfare as we know it." He has committed to forcing welfare recipients to enter job training and take jobs. But this massive promise is based on a small pilot project in Arkansas that has had mixed results.

Meanwhile, Clinton has won the endorsements of organized labor, which expects a ban on striker replacement workers, and the Sierra Club, which wants to make up for having endured the likes of Republican interior secretaries such as James Watt with a genuine tree-hugger in the White House.

Assuming the Sierra Club is right and Clinton has become a born-again environmentalist, and assuming Clinton is a worthy friend of the United Auto Workers, he must balance all of that with such problems as the declining American automobile industry and whether, in the face of that, we should require balking carmakers to improve their products' fuel efficiency averages.

About the only promise Clinton has made that seems easy to keep is the one to require any Supreme Court nominee to support *Roe vs. Wade*.

Otherwise, I'm reminded of the old saying about being careful what you wish for.

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Bill Clinton is a presidential debate

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Anyone still worried that the country will miss out on presidential debates this election year needn't fret. Bill Clinton, the president-presumptive according to the polls, has taken enough diametrically opposed positions on various issues to provide material for a whole series of debates — with himself.

The Bush-Quayle campaign has compiled an extensive list of Bill Clinton's contradictory positions on everything from free trade to school vouchers, which is no great feat. They're all part of the voluminous record. What impresses is that the Republicans were able to stop after citing only 20 or 30 such self-refutations. Talk about restraint. Clinton vs. Clinton could go on interminably. And often does. The Comeback Kid is never sharper than when he takes on the Democratic presidential nominee. For example:

"I would present a five-year plan to balance the budget," Clinton told Larry King's listeners early in June. A couple of weeks later, he strongly disagreed: "My plan will cut the deficit in half within four years."

"I want to make it very clear," he said in January, "that this middle-class tax cut, in my view, is central to any attempt we're going to make to have a short-term economic strategy, which is part of getting this country moving again." To which Governor Clinton responded forcefully in March: "I want to say that this middle-class tax cut is the center of anybody's (economic) package is wrong."

Any confusion was really the media's fault, one of the Bill Clintons responded in June: "I would emphasize to you that the press and my opponents always made more of the middle-class tax cut than I did."

In October of 1990, Governor Clinton described himself as "fascinated" by the idea of government vouchers to finance attendance at private schools. In June of this year, the other Governor Clinton shot back in a speech to the teachers' lobby: "We shouldn't give our money away to private schools (and) undermine the integrity of the public school system."

Bill Clinton can denounce class war ("No more division by race, no more division by income, no more class war-

fare" — March 18, 1992) on the same night his campaign engages in it. ("In making the rich pay their fair share, Bill Clinton — he'll put people first." — Clinton campaign ad, March 18, 1992.)

"I wouldn't rule out term limits," the Democratic presidential nominee said last January, but he was rebutted by the governor of Arkansas in a July interview with the *Boston Globe*: "I'm against term limits because I think that it takes choices away from the voters."

Bill Clinton has debated Bill Clinton on any number of other topics — productivity, federal spending, the free-trade agreement with Mexico, welfare. Some psychiatrists would kill for this kind of interior dialogue; imagine the material it would provide for articles in the leading psychoanalytical journals. *The Three Faces of Eve* had nothing on The Campaign Stands of Bill, which ought to be published in loose-leaf form.

Much depends on which audience the distinguished nominee or his sleazy alter ego, Slick Willie, is addressing at the time. (It's getting harder and harder to tell them apart.) On such occasions, he's less a speaker than a reflecting mirror of his audience's most cherished prejudices. Before a campus crowd at Drexel University in April, The Candidate emphasized fuel-efficient cars for the future: ("40 miles per gallon by the year 2000, 45 miles per gallon by 2020") but was rebuffed by his old moderate self before the Detroit Economic Club in August: "I don't think it's fair to impose a burden on an American fleet that has bigger cars in it than foreign competitors do."

As for his multitudinous collection of Final Statements on the draft, put them together and you've got an entire encyclopedia of arguments pro, con, both, neither, relevant and irrelevant, true and false on the subject. You casts

your vote and you takes your choice: Patriot or something else, fighter for his beliefs or slick pol, Bill Clinton or Bill Clinton. He opposed the draft and supported it, gave up his ROTC deferment and had it withdrawn, never received a draft notice and got one late, didn't have an ROTC deferment and gave it up, subjected himself to the draft out of concern for fairness and solely to preserve his "political viability," was told about his uncle's pulling strings to keep him out of the draft and it was all news to him, didn't get any special treatment but only the sort reserved for young men with his education and connections.

Ditto, the various Clintons explaining his (non) stand on the war in the Persian Gulf, a conflict one opposed, the other supported, and still another left to David Pryor and Dale Bumpers to handle.

Bill Clinton could have a two-man, maybe a three-man, debate on a wide variety of issues in this presidential contest all by himself. When accused of being a slick, unprincipled, double-dealing pol, he has an effective answer in this modern age: George Bush is another. Didn't the president break his promise not to raise taxes?

There may have been an age, biblical or even as late as medieval, when the species was capable of distinguishing between a broken promise (like Bill Clinton's pledge not to run for president this year) and a lie, but it is long since past. Who's got time for that kind of detail in this Age of Teevee? It would be like trying to explain the difference between Augustine and Aquinas in a 20-second sound bite.

The trick is just to mention Read My Lips, Iran-Contra, and the economy, the economy, the economy, and hurtle on. Then nobody'll notice, and if anybody does, make it seem too complicated to explain — or explain it at such length that everybody will be relieved to drop the subject. Bill Clinton is one of those rare and gifted politicians who can make boredom an ally. It's worked beautifully so far.

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Insider or outsider?

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course, loser in this year's Democratic primary.

In his wisdom Bill Clinton chose to support this ultimate insider in his party's primary this year. He let the incumbent lease 50 telephones from his national headquarters, furnished a friendly statement for the congressman to broadcast, and made several calls himself on behalf of the losing candidate.

Why did Bill Clinton violate the neutrality traditionally expected of a governor in his party's primary? As usual, he has more than one explanation. First, the National Rifle Association made him do it. He says the NRA "pushed me over the edge" by opposing the congressman. Second, he did it to pay off a political debt: "He's been very helpful to me so I thought that's something I ought to do for him." Spoken like an insider who understands how the game is played and political favors returned.

Somebody really ought to take Bill Clinton aside and give him some quiet, fatherly advice. Start with the obvious: This is not the year of the incumbent. It is not a year to repay fellow pols for past favors. A rip tide is loose. The people have lost patience with the same-old patter. A fever seems to be running through the American body politic. How else explain the rise of Ross Perot? In short: This is no time to be caught looking like an insider.

Is Bill Clinton an insider? Come on. Is a bluebird blue? The guy's whole career has been an exercise in insider-ship from the time he made the right contacts, was appointed to the right congressional internship, got the right scholarship, and made all the other right moves. He's about as much of an

outsider as . . . George Bush. Or Elizabeth II. He may be less natural as an insider, not being to the inside-born. But if he was ever outside the power structure, he spent the time (1981-83, when he was momentarily out of public office) figuring out how to get back in.

Bill Clinton's presidential campaign now finds itself in the shallows. The eyes begin to glaze over when he appears on still another talk show to reel off still more political minutiae. His may be the earliest case of over-exposure in the annals of presidential contests. Even now the sound of his voice is enough to send television channels changing across the country.

If Bill Clinton's campaign rises above dull farce (which is what his unconvincing imitation of an outsider is) into meaningful tragedy, it will be because all his life he's been programmed for office as an insider, and doggone if he doesn't get his party's presidential nomination in the Year of the Outsider.

Should this polished candidate, this hollow man, show a capacity for anything so meaningful as tragedy, then he will have our attention. He will no longer need to position himself; he will have a position thrust upon him. At that point, Bill Clinton's bitter taste of the American dream deferred, like Willy Loman's in "Death of a Salesman," or Richard Nixon's in Watergate, will interest. Then his position will say some things about the way we live, our lives, and what we hold dear, and how we are betrayed by our own clever calculations. Then he will excite the kind of pity and understanding and self-knowledge that are found in the old Greek plays. Then he will no longer be part of the background noise of our lives — of the pop culture he seems to know so exhaustively.

It is not a fate to wish on anyone, but then he will matter — in a way that nothing he says now seems to.

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There is a word for Bill Clinton's politics. It is a slippery neo-word, a quick-change of a word from once respectable noun to slippery verb. It is the new and questionable infinitive, to position. Last week Arkansas' governor and favorite son was positioning himself as a political outsider even while acting as a political insider. Or as he assured the press, "I don't see how I could ever be viewed as the insider of this race."

Like George Bush and Ross Perot and every other emerging leader who can sense the anti-Washington wind, Bill Clinton knows this is the year of the outsider. Any insider will tell you that.

At the same time, The Candidate was taking a tip from Mario Cuomo, governor of New York and quintessential insider, and preparing to submit a legislative agenda to Congress, also known as the Insiders Club. That's why its members keep disappearing in this year's anti-incumbent tide. Naturally the prospect of hanging Congress around Bill Clinton's already bowed neck delights Republican handlers like Charles Black. ("If you like Congress, you'll love Bill Clinton.")

Mario Cuomo, it turns out, is just full of dangerous tips, and vice presidential nominees for Bill Clinton to test this year. That way, the New Yorker can be sure to avoid what doesn't work when he's ready to run for president in '96. There are times when the Democratic nominee-presumptive must feel like a test pilot.

Bill Clinton doesn't need New York's Mario Cuomo in order to come up with some really dumb plays. Turns out he chose this year to ally himself semi-openly with Beryl Anthony Jr., 7-term incumbent congressman from the 4th District, former chairman of the Democratic Party's congressional campaign committee, distinguished author of something like 109 bad checks in the emblematic House bank scandal, walking caricature of the same old politics, all-around party hack, experienced PACman, living summation of why Americans hate politics, and, of

Cops on campus

September 1, 1996

After all the dissension we've heard about assigning armed police officers to the city's 13 secondary schools, North Little Rock's school district calmly adopted such a program last week for its two high school campuses.

In stark contrast to the Little Rock School Board's majority view of having armed police officers in school corridors, North Little Rock's plan was adopted with a seeming consensus - among school officials, the mayor, black and white parents alike, and even the west campus student council president.

The latter, Kevin Newton, also volunteered to serve in a related crime-stopper program, and his lead can't help but attract the necessary student support essential to the success of the ambitious police-led information program being undertaken. It's to inform students about drug and alcohol abuse, traffic safety, suicide prevention, family violence and the police.

We were impressed by board member Pat Blackstone's forthright questions that should've brought any opposition to the forefront. Besides getting it up front that the school officers would be carrying their guns, as Police Chief William P. Nolan says the law requires, she also asked pointedly how the black community felt about having white police officers working the two campuses.

Black board member Mable Mitchell said that everyone favored it, so long as the officers were unbiased, which, of course, goes without saying.

But the district should act on a valid suggestion by Rev. J.W. Johnson, a black pastor, who wondered whether students would benefit more from seeing a black or female officer in the program.

Though the two white officers have already been selected and were on the job last week, maybe the district could assign a black, a female, or even a black female officer for reassurance.

Meanwhile, the nearest thing resembling opposition that was mentioned in news accounts were muffled murmurs from the gallery of some 100 spectators when Blackstone asked whether the officers were to be armed.

Whether intended or not, North Little Rock's cops on campus program has become the pathfinder for rest of the state's troubled school districts beset by the twin problems of teen gangs and violence. If successful, maybe dissenters on the Little Rock board can be convinced to start the program over here.

DHS umbrella under scrutiny

Some lawmakers fear the state Department of Human Services has become greater than the sum of its parts. Under the agency's "umbrella" there are 13 divisions that employ about 8,300 state workers.

There are those who believe it's time to tame what some consider to be an unmanageable behemoth agency. Legislative advocates of DHS division dissection are expected to propose the agency's reorganization during the legislative session that begins in January.

The agency has been forced three times within 12 months to make budget cuts because of revenue shortfalls. The cost-reduction measures have included mandatory furloughs and layoffs that have affected DHS employee morale throughout the state and the ability to deliver client services has been impacted by the budgetary cuts.

While there are differing opinions on how to address the DHS ills almost everyone agrees that something must be done to bring the agency within the realm of responsible management.

More than 20 years ago, the state collected the various human concerns agencies and placed them under the DHS umbrella to improve efficiency and prevent duplication of services. In 1985, the department was again restructured and several divisions were added including Children and Family Services and Program Operations.

Sen. Joe Yates, R-Bentonville, has been a vocal advocate for removing some divisions out from under the DHS umbrella. Sen. Yates says at least three divisions — Rehabilitation Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, and Aging and Adult Services — should be independent agencies.

Sen. Mike Beebe, D-Searcy, agrees that the agency's size creates a management challenge.

"It's so big, it may be very difficult for one person to manage, no matter how competent they are," Beebe said.

Former DHS director, Dr. Terry Yamauchi, resigned May 21 and A. Jack Reynolds was appointed to take the agency's top spot earlier this month.

In coming months the eyes of legislators and state officials will be on the

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see where the Democratic presidential nominee was
born. Hope and Hot Springs are rivals for tourism dol-
lars generated by the interest in Clinton.

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The hype on Hope

The national media still haven't got the story straight on Bill Clinton's youth.

Part of the reason is that the Clinton campaign isn't telling it straight.

Why Clinton's press people continue to say that he "grew up" in Hope, I don't know, but that misinformation remains in literature the campaign distributes both to the media and to would-be supporters.

Clinton was born at Hope and lived there for four or seven years, depending on which biography you read, but he "grew up" in Hot Springs, which is not as it has been described by speakers at the Democratic National Convention in "rural" Arkansas.

Clinton proudly listed Hot Springs as his home town until this year, when, apparently, some campaign lackey decided that Hope had a better ring.

Perhaps he and his people see symbolic value in the word "Hope," which for some time Clinton's campaign had too little of.

The campaign also is putting what fastidious folks may deem to be undue emphasis on the fact that the home at Hope where Clinton lived with his grandparents had an outdoor toilet.

The campaign is even boasting that Clinton remembers seeing snakes in summer and froze his buns in winter while using the house behind the house.

Clinton's memory is better than mine if he can recall where he went to the toilet prior to age five.

The campaign, of course, says Clinton "grew up" using the little house behind the house in Hope. Not so. The home his family occupied in a middle-class neighborhood in Hot Springs took Clinton away from the snakes and the cold and to Hot Springs at a relatively early age.

When we who have reported on Clinton in Arkansas for years keep encountering brand new Lincoln-esque facts about his upbringing, we are compelled to ask, "Is this the Bill Clinton we have known and loved (or hated as the case may be) or are we encountering a creature remanufactured for a presidential campaign."

Indubitably the latter, as Susan Milligan suggests in a Monday article in

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the *New York Daily News*. Writing as if she had inside information, Milligan says the campaign plans to "reintroduce Clinton to voters" this week as "the product of a small-town, troubled family who rose out of Arkansas poverty to become a Rhodes scholar and governor of his home state ... in stark contrast to Republican rival, blue-blooded George Bush."

That theme will be promoted in a video that will be played before Clinton's speech accepting the nomination, Milligan wrote.

"The spot will focus on Clinton's transcendence from rural Hope, Ark. — where he was reared by his widowed mother — to his nomination for president," Milligan added.

Once more, for the record. Clinton was reared in Hot Springs by a mother and stepfather. His mother has been widowed three times, but never for long.

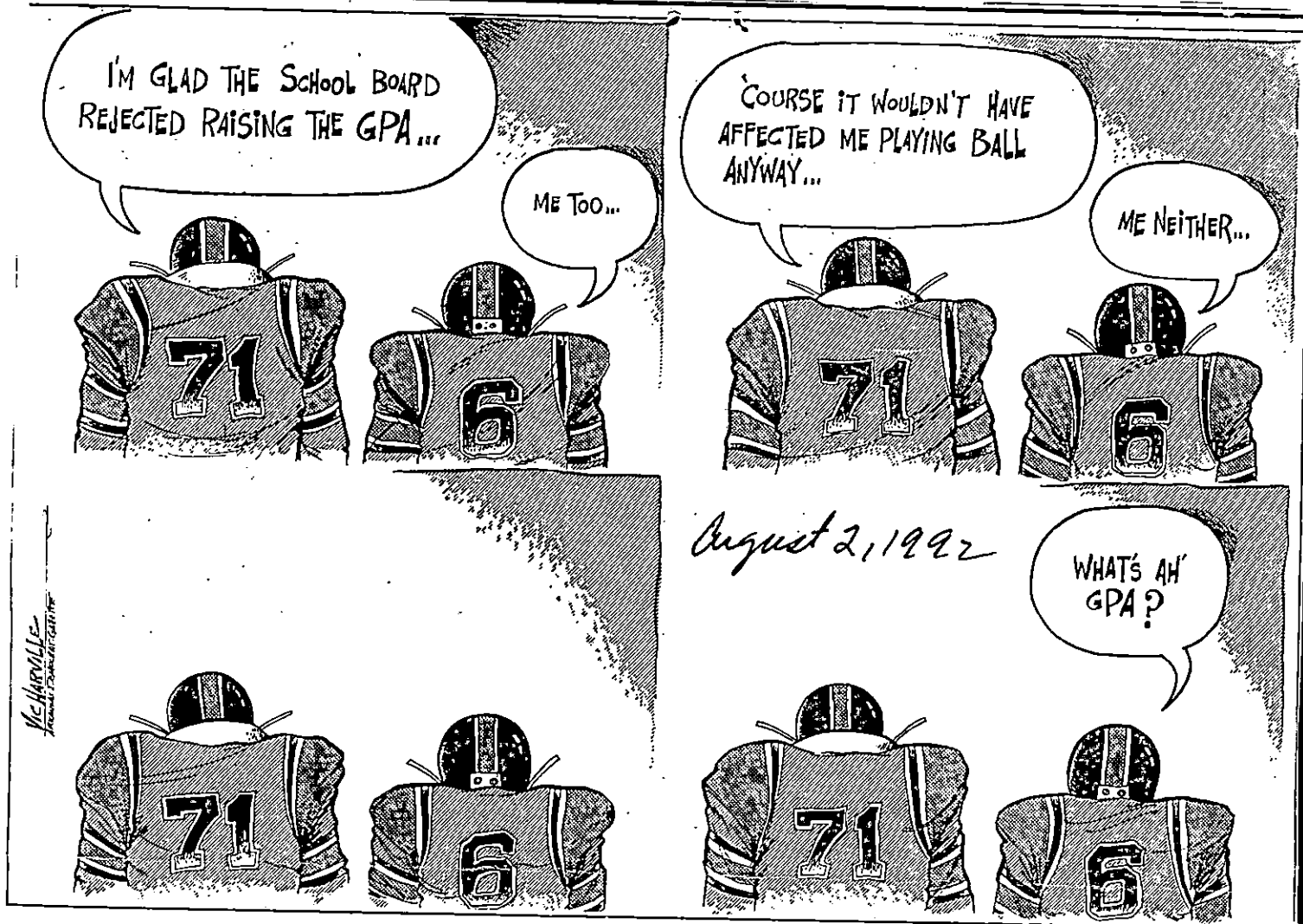
This bit of image modification may fly in Gotham, but home folks who know that Clinton was never poor by Arkansas standards won't be fooled as easily as the national media.

The building of the Clinton legend continues in a three-part personality sketch that started Monday in *The Washington Post*. The Post reported that Sister Mary, identified as one of his teachers at a Catholic elementary school, gave him a "C" in deportment but told his mother, when she complained about the grade, "If he wants to be, he will be president some day."

Where was that story in all those years that the Arkansas media were doing profiles on him?

Perhaps in the back of Clinton's imaginative brain, waiting to be born when he needed it in a presidential campaign.

John R. Starr's column appears every day.

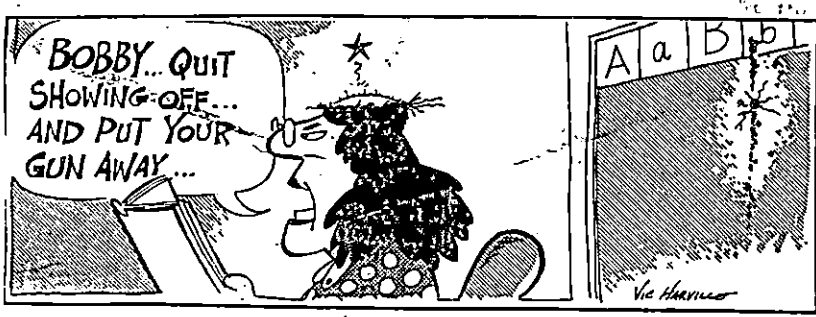


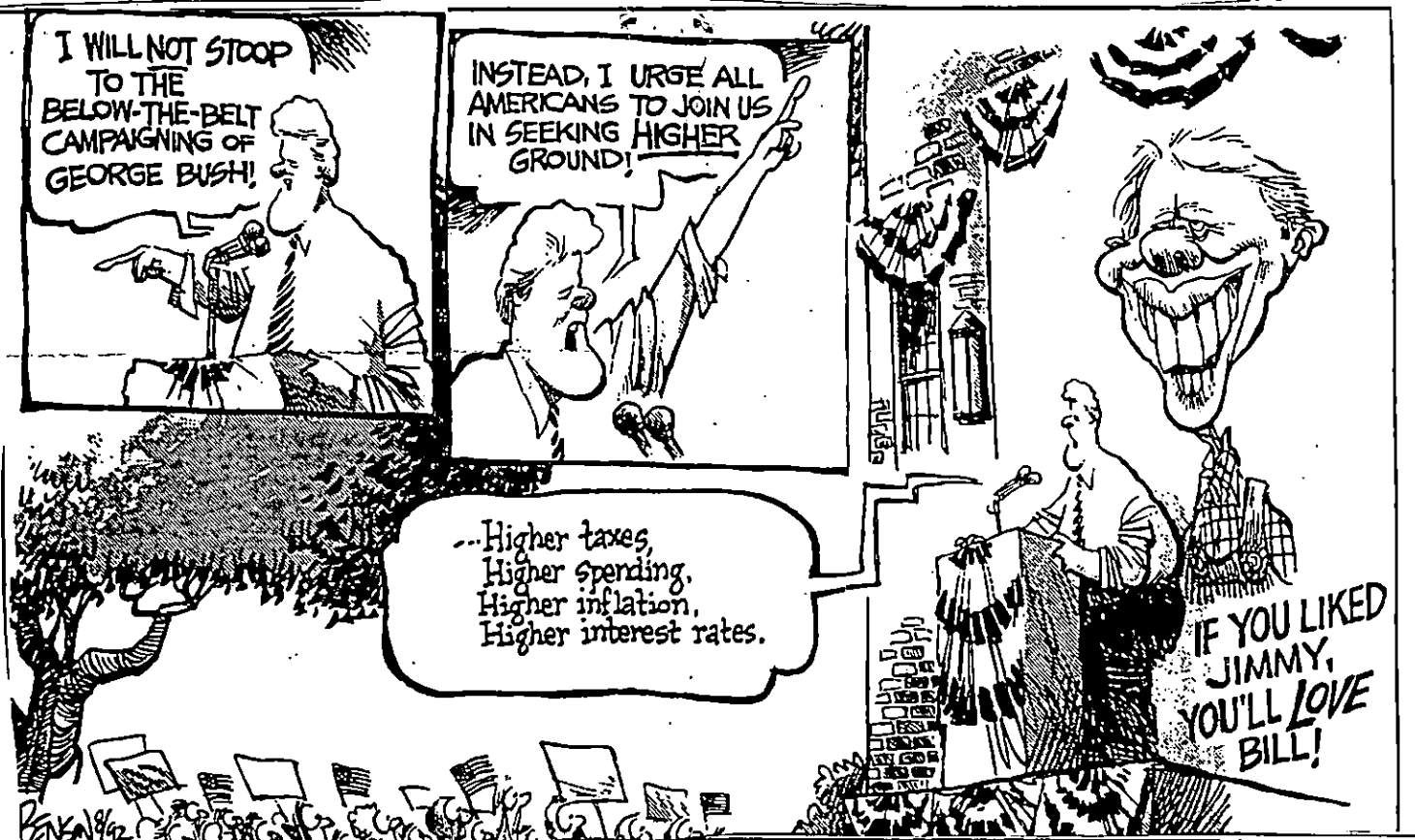
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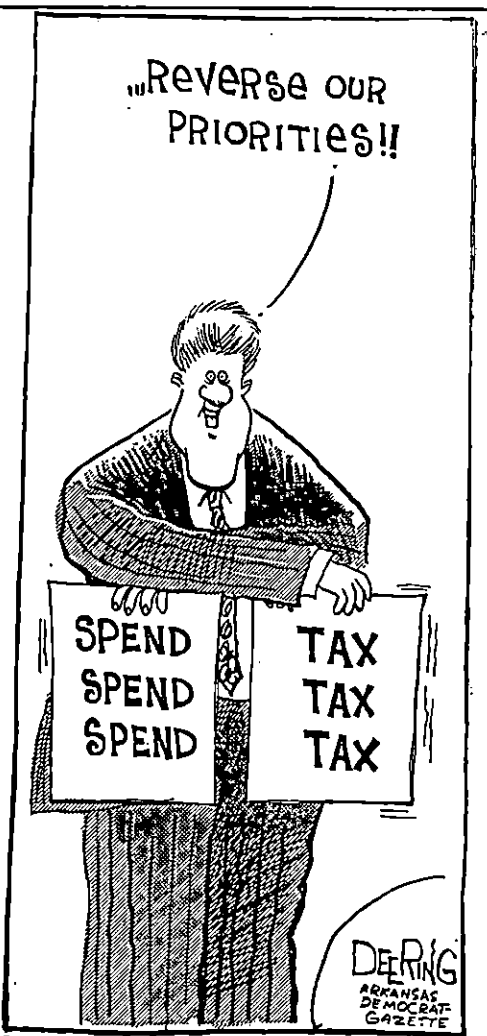
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Generic diplomas ticket to nowhere

Benton County Record

An end to the generic high school diploma may soon be at hand. And, in the future, high school graduates may have more than a piece of paper to show they attended the required number of days and met the minimum standards for graduation.

The state Department of Education has developed a three-part recommendation to end the general high school studies track. The recommendation, to be presented to the state Board of Education Monday, focuses on replacing general academic courses with "applied academic courses."

"Applied" is the operative description for courses that offer real-life applications for academic concepts. The recommendation was developed to comply with Act 980 of 1991. Legislators and educators pushed for legislation that would require districts to do a better job of preparing their graduates for the job market and college.

Act 980 instructs the education board to study the impact of eliminating the general studies track and requiring students to follow either a college preparatory track or a technical education preparatory track.

The liberal trend in education over the past few decades has been to mainstream all students down a common corridor of general education studies. Meanwhile, the work world — the real world — grew more technologically specific and demanded a higher quality worker with specific job skills.

The U.S. Department of Education recently released its 1992 back-to-school forecast for the nation. According to the report, the department is forecasting another year of record spending and employment in education at all levels.

Education Secretary Lamar Alexander put it best. "We should spend our money on changing our schools: breaking the mold, higher standards, better tests, getting government off the backs of teachers and giving families more choices of all schools."

The America 2000 challenge demands that we change the way we educate our children and it requires the commitment of the community to reinvent the educational system.

Perhaps, in the near future our children will have more than just a generic diploma to show a prospective employer.

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Remember to vote yes today for the children in your school district. *Sept. 1992*

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Clinton is so predictable.

Associate Editor Meredith Oakley's column appears every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

the potential for being a good president of the United States," he continued. "On the

about a man who has served five terms as governor of a state," the fellow wrote.

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Victim of reportorial sloth

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If... the Bush campaign has reasons to believe that it is true, and there are plenty of reasons to believe it, because I do, then Bush should continue to let Clinton have it.

— John R. Starr column
Sept. 1, 1992.

Never in the history of journalism have so many of the media's mighty been taken for so rocky a ride.

George Bush said Bill Clinton raised taxes and fees 128 times, Clinton pointed to a couple of discrepancies in Bush's list and said, "Nay, nay, not so," and the poobahs of the press immediately and repeatedly branded Bush a liar, unworthy of the presidency.

The pundits were encouraged in what turned out to be (for them, not Bush) an embarrassment of epic proportions by "sources" in the Bush campaign who told the *Boston Globe* and NBC News that Bush aides were aware that the 128 figure was false.

Poutingly, playing the put-upon politician, Clinton said, "They know it's not true, but they do it because they think it works."

It now appears that the "sources" sandbagged the sages of the Fourth Estate with misinformation that encouraged the media to make fools of themselves.

Like Pavlov's dog, editorialists of the anti-Bush media brigades salivated on cue. Righteously they railed about the collapse of morality in politics. They put the president outside the political pale.

In an orgy of indignation, Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times* wrote, Hyperbole is to be expected of politi-

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cians. But deliberate lies? I think that kind of politics has brought this country close to disbelief in its own political system."

Michael Kinsley, the radical-liberal, slaveringly pro-Clinton senior editor for *The New Republic*, arrogantly asserted that his research revealed the 128 figure to be "a lie of gemlike purity and distilled cynicism."

Kinsley's article ran in the Sunday *Denver Post* under a headline that said, "George Bush should stop lying."

Before the Kinsley article appeared, the nation knew that Bush had not been lying. There was no longer any debate about the truth. The Clinton campaign had confessed to 127 tax and fee increases.

Bush was off by one. That's a margin of error of eight-tenths of one percent. Science accepts as fact any premise with a margin for error of less than one percent.

The media moguls who declared Bush a liar while largely ignoring Clinton's dishonesty about his draft record were left with enough egg on their faces to feed the starving of Somalia for six months.

The biggest buffoon is Kinsley. The *Denver Rocky Mountain News* added insult to his injury and shamed itself not a trifle by publishing on Wednesday, four days after the truth was known, the

same egregiously incorrect Kinsley article the *Post* had run on Sunday. The *News'* headline read, "President talks of trust while telling a lie."

The media should in the future be more skeptical of "information" they get from the Clinton propaganda machine, especially so of anything that comes from the ultimate spin doctor, George Goebbels Stephanopoulos, a.k.a. Clinton's alter ego.

From Day One, George S. was savagely sanctimonious about Bush's "lies." The 128 figure was "ludicrous," he said, and its use showed that "the Bush-Quayle committee can add about as well as Dan Quayle can spell."

Were Clinton and Stephanopoulos simply ignorant of the truth, or did they cynically throw anti-Bush bait to the gullible, biased media that they knew would gobble it up like a greedy bass grabs a Lucky 13?

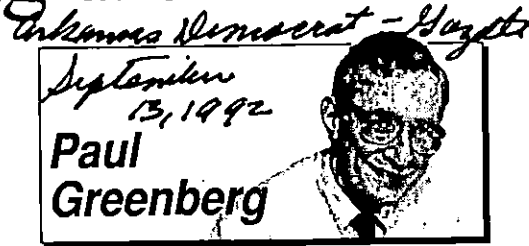
Will the media apologize to Bush for the names they called him because they took the word of Stephanopoulos instead of checking the facts for themselves?

Not likely. So far, I've seen no apology, nay, not even recognition of the truth by those who spread the lies.

I suggest to Lewis and others who participated in this exercise in reportorial sloth and half-cocked opinion writing that a few more examples like this one may bring the public to disbelieve in the media as well as in the political system.

John R. Starr's column appears every day.

Playing the numbers game



If there were an award for editorial malpractice, surely it would be shared this political season by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. They now have run twin editorials — not quite identical but definitely fraternal — on the great issue of whether the Clinton administration raised taxes and fees in Arkansas 128 times, as the Bush campaign claims. The Clinton campaign now contends that its candidate raised taxes and fees only 127 times.

This is what an American presidential campaign has come to — a largely irrelevant numbers game in which a difference over how to count tax bills is disguised as some kind of moral and philosophical test. Both the *Times* and the *Post* began their elevated discussion of this subject by calling the president a liar in almost the same words:

"The Bush campaign continues to insist that Bill Clinton has raised taxes and fees 128 times in his five terms. The people who are keeping the charge alive insist that it is true, even though they know they are making a fraudulent argument." — *The Washington Post*, September 3, 1992.

"When President Bush keeps insisting that Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas has raised taxes and fees 128 times, he knows he is falsifying the record. He seems so eager to smear his opponent as a big taxer that he's willing to trash the truth over trivia." — *The New York Times*, September 4, 1992.

This isn't so much argumentation as mind-reading. Even before citing a single statistic or source, both these distinguished journals inform Trusting Reader that these nasty Republicans are not only repeating falsehoods but know they are.

Nowhere does the *Post* trouble to tell its readers where the Republicans got their tax figures, and the *Times'* editorial writer eludes the question with a vague reference to "Arkansas legislative records," as in:

"Mr. Bush has seized on a gimmick that has a ring of truth to it but is, in fact, a misrepresentation. Exactly 128 tax and fee increases, he says, brandishing an amazingly sloppy list his staff asserts came from official legislative records."

On closer examination, the record the Bush campaign understandably relied on was the *Arkansas Legislative Tax Handbook* as updated through April 15, 1991. It bears the imprint of the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Re-

search, which has a reputation for furnishing impartial and reliable information to all comers, regardless of party.

The handbook comes with a cover letter from the Arkansas Legislative Council (state Representative John Paul Capps, chairman). Its figures provided the basis for the Republicans' tax count from No. 1 ("Increased the vehicle registration fee by 30 percent") to No. 128 ("Act 1105 established fee of \$1 per head on all sows and boars sold at livestock markets.") The list contains some typos and repetitions, and even some omissions, but it is scarcely the tissue-of-lies portrayed in the editorials of the *Times* and *Post*.

Unless, of course, you believe that Representative Capps, Democrat of Searcy, and the Arkansas Legislative Council, which is just about as Democratic, are also part of this far-flung Republican conspiracy.

(The Clinton campaign has been having its problems with arithmetic, too. It originally put the number of tax increases during the Clinton Years at 59. Now, drawing on the expertise of the state's Department of Finance and Administration, it has come up with a list of 127 increases, often different from the Bush campaign's.)

Both the *Post* and the *Times* play some games with numbers. For instance, in almost identical phrases, they follow the lead of the Clinton campaign by comparing state and local taxes in Arkansas to those elsewhere. Neither editorial explains why local taxes should figure in such a comparison. Bill Clinton is governor, not mayor. He has little if anything to do with local tax rates.

One obvious reason for including local taxes in this comparison is to make the governor look better. When one compares only state tax rates, the Census Bureau ranked Arkansas not 49th in combined tax burden but — in terms of state taxes as a percentage of personal income — 25th in the Union back in 1990. After the latest increase in the regressive sales tax, Arkansas placed 20th in another study. That's dis-

turbingly high for a poor state.

Then again, states are so different in their tax structures that comparisons between any specific levels of government — city, county, special tax district, state, etc. — may not make much sense. It's like comparing apples and mangoes.

Of course Arkansas ranks low in the actual number of tax dollars it collects; poor states do. They have little choice. But it ranks high in the relative tax burden each citizen must bear, largely because the Clinton administration has relied on less-than-progressive taxes — like the sales and gasoline taxes.

While the governor has paid lip service to reforming the state's tax structure, he gave up that fight all too soon and began concentrating on squeezing the middle class. The tax structure he shaped had a way of rewarding the most influential sectors of public opinion (like large investors and the teachers' union) while short-changing the least influential, like the poor and sick who depend on the state's Department of Human Services, now facing still another financial crisis. The poor and sick don't have much of a lobby at Little Rock.

Trusting Reader might never suspect all of this from a couple of the country's leading shapers of fashionable thought. These editorials echo not only each other but an even gaudier misrepresentation of Arkansas' tax structure in a widely distributed column by Michael Kinsley, who can't even get the name of his source in the Clinton camp right.

Just who is misrepresenting the facts here? Not being gifted with the clairvoyance that allows others to peer into the mind and heart of George Bush, I won't say the occupants of those ivory cubicles at the *Times* and *Post* are repeatedly and knowingly lying.

Nor do I think these opinionators conspire on such stories, despite their remarkably uniform prose. They don't have to. They share the same East Coast mindset — and I mean *set*. One can be so eager for a Clinton victory after 12 years of cultural and political exile from power that partisanship almost mindlessly overwhelms judgment — and editorial integrity. This being an election year, there's a lot of that going around.

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The news to come

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Chronicles of the future

For those without their own crystal ball, here's some news from 1994. Remember you saw it here first:

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has suspended its Police Corps program after a series of incidents across the country in which citizens have been killed, maimed and generally frightened out of their wits by rookie officers paying off student loans.

Modeled after the Job Corps program at Little Rock, the new Police Corps has been embarrassed by a series of unfortunate incidents.

During the last week:

— A Chinese restaurateur in Miami was shot by a police-woman over incorrect punctuation on a sign.

— In Los Angeles, where many military personnel have been converted to police officers under the federal program, an off-shore battle cruiser lobbed dozens of shells into Dodger Stadium. The Navy said the fire was called in via radio by an ex-sailor who is now an LAPD patrolman.

— In Tie Siding, Wyo., 14 homes were destroyed in a cattle stampede set off by a policeman playing cowboy with his police cruiser.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, secretary of Health and Human Services, and Attorney General Hillary Clinton declared a halt to the program at a hastily called news conference at the White House. The two agencies jointly administered the program.

"Oops," Mrs. Clinton said.

The attorney general explained that she was ending the program out of concern for family values.

"This wouldn't have happened if the parents of these people had had full access to contraceptives when they were teenagers," Dr. Elders said. "I blame the Republican Party."

The program worked this way: Students who borrowed money to go to college were required in some instances to work as police officers to pay off the loans. Bill Clinton promised in the presidential campaign to put 100,000 more cops on the street through a Police Corps comprised of college students and retrained military personnel.

Many experts were concerned

about police professionalism; their criticism now has been echoed by various residents of Miami, Los Angeles and Tie Siding.

According to Miami police, the rookie policewoman was an English major who was walking a beat in the city's Chinatown. She stopped at Fu Lee's House of China restaurant to tell the proprietor about a misplaced apostrophe in his sign. Lee apparently misinterpreted her explanation of the rules of punctuation, became irate and, to emphasize his point, took a large butcher knife and split in two a 100-pound sack of rice. The policewoman drew her service revolver and, from a distance of five feet, plucked his hair with a .38-caliber slug.

Witnesses said the policewoman told Lee: "Go ahead, make my day," and then added, through clenched teeth: "Eat hot lead, sucker." During her college years, the officer minored in film.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, the Dodgers may have to play the remaining 35 games of their home schedule on the road after the demolition by naval gunfire of their stadium.

"We deeply regret the destruction of Dodger Stadium," the Navy said in an official statement. "As our way of righting this grievous wrong, we are offering the Dodgers use of the flight deck of the U.S.S. America, an aircraft carrier, for their remaining home games."

Dodger manager Tom Lasorda doubted the carrier would be an adequate replacement. "Too much pitch and yaw," he said. "Our left-handers are having trouble enough now."

A naval spokesman said the ex-sailor was a fan of the San Francisco Giants, and was bitter about the Giants' move to St. Petersburg. The Giants and Dodgers are bitter rivals, the spokesman said, and the ex-sailor called in the attack out of spite.

And in Tie Siding, townspeople were picking up the pieces after the community's worst disaster since The Great Buffalo Stampede of 1862. Sheriff's deputies there said a former college student with a degree in art appreciation took his police cruiser off the road and — lights flashing and siren wailing — herded up about 8,000 head of cattle.

Deputies said he then drove the impromptu herd down Tie Siding's main street, Steak Avenue.

Deputies and state troopers were forced to fire over the heads of a posse which had organized for a lynching.

Asked why he did it, the art major said only: "My heroes have always been cowboys." He is known to have a large collection of Frederic Remington reproductions.

Clinton Not Expected To Address State's Budgetary Problems

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Gov. Bill Clinton returned home Wednesday to more than hoopla and cheer. He also had some weighty state business to address.

The troubled Medicaid program was placed under a federal court order Monday to raise its rates to some health-care professionals. Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who runs the state while Clinton is away running for president, said the decision could be costly, and he recommended an appeal.

The Medicaid budget, plus other problems in the Department of Human Services, threaten to be an embarrassment for the Democratic presidential nominee.

Tucker hoped to meet with Clinton during the governor's brief stay in Little Rock, but he had not heard from the campaign by early Wednesday afternoon, according to Neal Turner, an aide to Tucker.

Clinton was not expected to comment publicly on the matter Wednesday.

"He's coming in for the rally. There won't be an opportunity to ask questions," said Susie Whitacre, a spokeswoman for the governor's office.

She said Clinton planned to study the ruling before making any comments.

The governor was scheduled to fly into Little Rock just in time for a downtown rally in his honor. He is expected to leave the state again Thursday morning.

He has not been in Arkansas since before the Democratic National Convention last week.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright's temporary injunction ordered the Department of Human Services to restore the old fee schedule for a wide range of children's medical services, pre-natal care and baby deliveries. She said doctors and other providers could not afford to treat Medicaid patients.

On July 1, the agency cut fees by 20 percent for all health-care providers, except hospitals, nursing homes and mental institutions. Last week, several health-care professionals challenged the cuts with a federal court lawsuit.

Mrs. Wright left open the possibility that she might later extend the injunction to other providers whose fees were cut.

Tucker said he fears the ruling could sabotage the Medicaid budget by giving health-care professionals the upper hand in setting their fees.

DHS officials estimated Tuesday that the cuts the judge eliminated would have saved the financially strapped agency about \$10 million in state and federal money.

The entire package of cuts — which is now at risk — was expected to save the agency about \$29 million, officials said.

The cuts were intended to help DHS avoid a \$60 million projected shortfall for this fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1993. Other measures taken to save money included elimination of 25 DHS jobs and plans to require Medicaid recipients to pay part of their bills.

The state's Medicaid budget this year is \$720 million, about \$192 million less than what was spent last fiscal year. Some programs were cut in October and April.

Legislators will be faced with increasing funding to the state's largest agency in 1993. A voluntary tax on health-care providers will expire in June, leaving a gaping hole in the budget.

Clinton headed up efforts this year to settle a suit challenging DHS's child-welfare system.

A group of food stamp applicants sued in 1991, saying the agency was taking more than the federally mandated 30-day time limit to determine eligibility to receive food stamps. A proposed settlement was reached Tuesday in that case.

Tuesday July 31, 1991

Tuesday, July 23, 1992

Sales tax rebate pays dividends to Wal-Mart

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Utilities and retail chains were among the biggest beneficiaries of a state law allowing companies to keep some of the sales tax money they collect if they pay the state quickly.

Companies that pass sales-tax collections on to state coffers by the 20th of each month are allowed to keep 2 percent of what they collect from retail customers.

For the 12-month period from April 1988 to May 1991, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Arkansas Power & Light Co. were allowed to keep the largest amount, according to state figures released Monday.

Wal-Mart, based at Bentonville, received \$2.767 million in credits, while AP&L's credits totaled \$2.23 million. Southwestern Bell was third with \$859,223.

The figure for Wal-Mart didn't include credits to Wal-Mart-owned Sam's Wholesale Clubs.

The state Revenue Division made the records available under provisions of Act 400 of 1991. That law opened to the public some tax records that had previously been confidential.

Here are the other 12 companies from the top 15, according to the state figures:

4. Harvest Foods	\$781,778
5. Kroger	\$749,282
6. Arkla Gas Co	\$590,033
7. Sears	\$494,282
8. Food 4 Less	\$475,876
9. J.C. Penney	\$356,482
10. Dillard's	\$353,749
11. Sam's Wholesale	\$343,067
12. Kmart	\$325,735
13. AT&T Communications of the Southwest	\$304,785
14. Harp's Food Stores	\$281,418
15. Southwestern Electric Power Co	\$257,748

Bill Clinton has to go to the rich.

Eight lawyers hire specialist to collect \$531,548 from state

BY LARRY AULT
Democrat-Gazette Federal Reporter

Eight attorneys who asked a federal judge to award them \$531,548 in fees and costs resulting from the state's child welfare case have hired a San Francisco lawyer who specializes in collecting attorneys' fees and charges \$280 per hour.

The state attorney general's office has asked U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. to reject the fee request, claiming the amount is excessive and reflects duplicate requests.

Eight attorneys who challenged conditions in the state's child welfare system and won a \$15 million settlement in early August have asked Howard to award them \$531,548 in a lawsuit filed in July 1991 by the National Center for Youth Law at San Francisco. The attorneys alleged the state failed to properly care for neglected and abused children.

Legislation reflecting the settlement was adopted by the state Legislature during a special session in February.

Richard M. Pearl, a San Francisco lawyer, confirmed Thursday he had been retained by the

attorneys who worked on the case to collect the fees.

"They weren't able to settle it," Pearl said of the fee issue. "They're experts in child welfare," noting the attorneys who represented the children in the child welfare lawsuit aren't experts in collecting legal fees.

"It's important to have someone who knows the issues," he said. "This is one of the things I do."

Pearl confirmed he routinely charges \$280 per hour, but said that in San Francisco that is "a pretty modest fee" for a lawyer with more than 20 years of experience.

Pearl said he couldn't estimate how much his fee might be. However, he said the attorney general's office had made 105 specific objections to the fee request and cited 36 different legal rulings that justify its position. "It's a good bit of work," he said.

Lawrence Graves, chief of staff at the attorney general's office, said that to him, the fact that the eight attorneys hired a San Francisco attorney who routinely charges \$280 per hour

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seemed unusual.

Graves expressed some concern about Pearl being hired because the attorneys for the children wanted more money spent on child welfare but "they go and hire somebody who gets \$280 an hour to collect for them."

Assistant Attorney General Angela Jegley said in September when the state filed its objection to the fee request that she felt it was unnecessary for the Arkansas lawyers to ask out-

of-state lawyers to represent the children when there are numerous Arkansas lawyers who are "perfectly capable of handling this kind of litigation."

Don Hollingsworth, executive director of Central Arkansas Legal Services, could not be reached Thursday for comment.

The fee request was filed on behalf of attorneys for the National Center for Youth Law in San Francisco, Central Arkansas Legal Services in Little Rock, the Pulaski County Juvenile Justice Center, Ozark Legal Services in Fayetteville and East Arkansas legal Services in Helena.

Thursday Night.

To whomever will read this;

Help President Bush

Clinton Came back to Little Rock quietly in August to settle out of court, a lawsuit brought against the state by National Center for Youth Law at San Francisco because of child abuse and child neglect in this state.

The case was settled in August for \$15 million. The state didn't have \$15^{million}, I understand that they took the money out of the State Employees Retirement Fund.

Bentonville schools have lost they say "state and federal funding." So are cutting back.

Apert Human Services has had to cut back. We are in a financial crisis.

Get Washington Post July 18 1992, read last page &

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Article on Bill Clinton. The Article tells why he ran for president this year, how he lied to the people of Arkansas about not running for president.

I believe it was Davis? from, that tells about Clinton's ideology, and how they have shaped him.

Get on your toes.

We do have Freedom of Information act here.

Hope this will help the President.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lillian McCullough

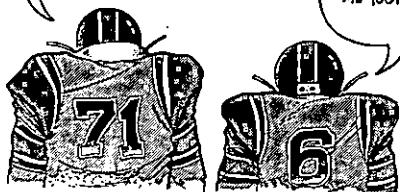
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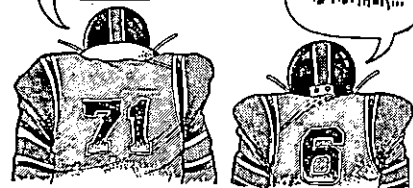
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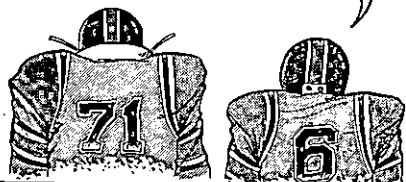
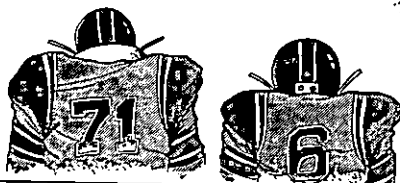
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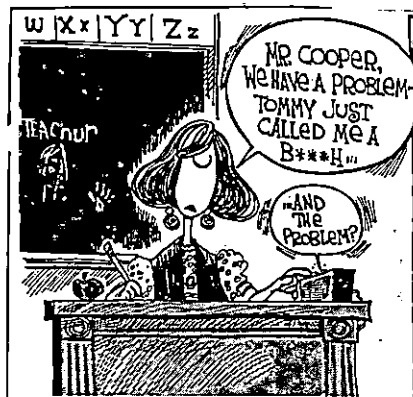


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Arkansas Democrat John Deenr

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Computer tells Clinton where to go, what to say

BY MILES BENSON
House News Service

When Bill Clinton's campaign bus pulls into town, it isn't just any town.

It's a target town, in a target county, in a target state, chosen — sometimes by a computer — as a piece of the geographic jigsaw puzzle in the strategic plan that drives a modern presidential campaign.

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Illinois, Ohio and Missouri, that are crucial battlegrounds in Clinton's campaign strategy.

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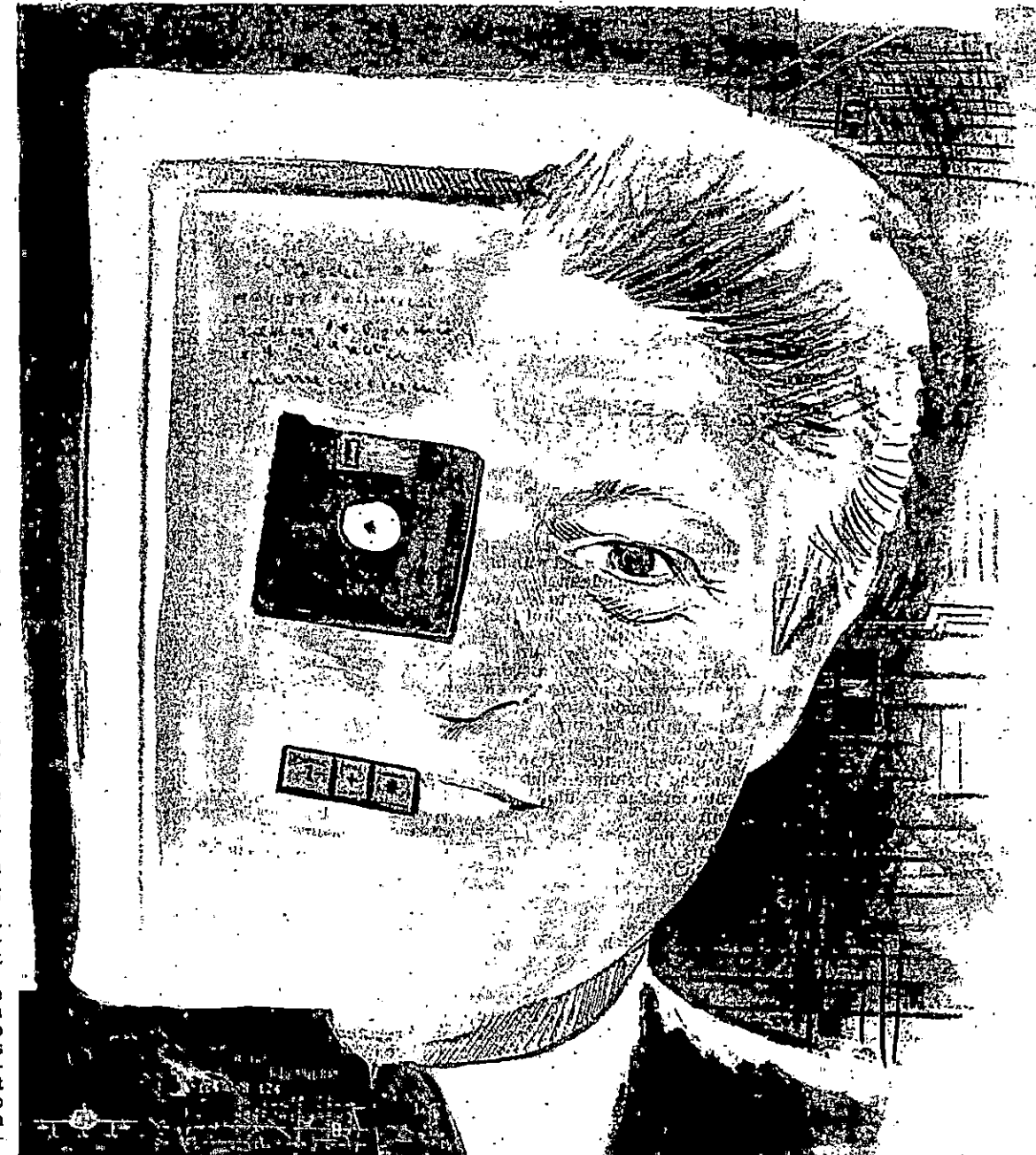
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What's the national message of the trip? What's the local message? "I'm more concerned about what we do than where we go," said James Blevins, Clinton's top political adviser. "I'd rather say the right thing in the right place than the wrong thing in the right place."

But the goal is to say the right thing in the right place. An example was Clinton's brief visit — barely an hour long — to Pontiac, Mich., an industrial town just 45 minutes by car from Detroit, where the Democratic nominee is endorsed by the National Association of Police Organizations.

Clinton used the occasion to talk about crime, a particularly salient issue in that part of Michigan, one of a

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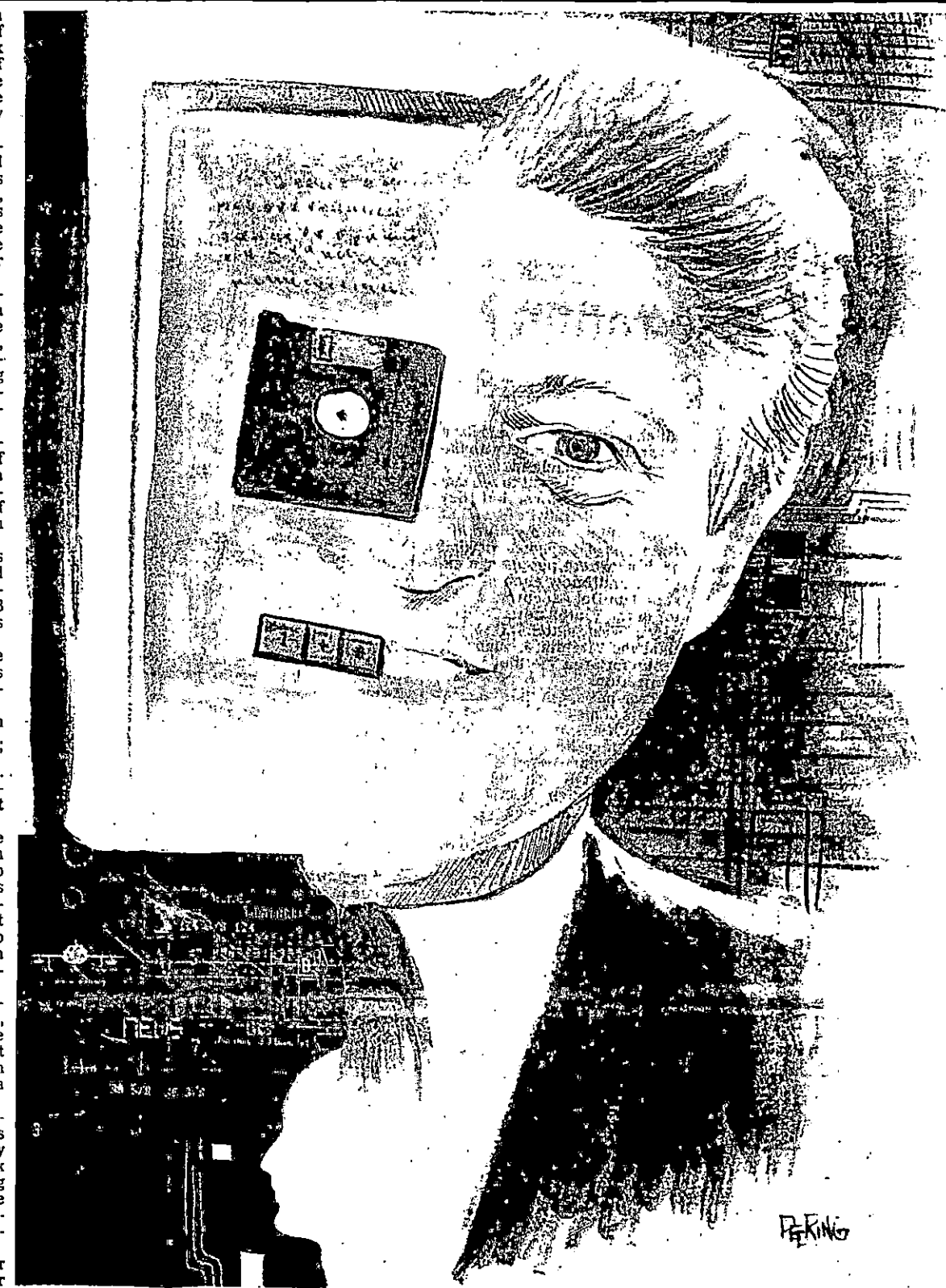
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Paul Tully, the late Democratic National Committee's political director, in 1988 began building the data base and "pattern recognition software" that is now being applied by the Clinton campaign. (Tully died, apparently of a heart attack, in Little Rock Sept. 24.)

"A great deal of work goes into measurements of voters by the footprints they leave in the voting booth," Tully said recently. "We go all the way back 18 years to understand normal voting patterns and trends that yield a large Democratic margin or a large Republican margin, or identify swing localities and ticket-splitters."

The campaign then targets areas for resource allocation according to their importance, based on Clinton's chances



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October 15, 1992

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James Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

You may feel that I am just another crackpot after reading this letter, and indeed, I may be just that. However, as a lifelong Republican, I am concerned about the way the election seems to be going this year. I have thought long and hard, as I'm sure you have, about how President Bush could bat the home run that would ensure his reelection. I have a few ideas that might help, but since I'm not a political scientist, I really don't know the workability or even the desirability of my suggestions. So, I'm writing you in the hopes that some idea might be of help.

Actually, I wrote a letter last month, but for some reason, it was returned as undeliverable. I wasn't going to write again because some of my ideas are time-intensive; but, I'll let you decide. For ease of writing, I'll just list my points.

1. The president should admit that things are bad economically. This is the opinion of most people I know. I don't think that any amount of optimism will convince most Americans otherwise. Instead, the Bush campaign should paint the blackest picture possible and then lay the blame where blame belongs: firmly on the shoulders of Congress.

2. You might consider buying advertising time to discuss each poor economic indicator, each piece of bad news. During this "fireside discussion" you should list the specific proposals made by President Bush that may have helped alleviate or prevent each domestic problem facing the country. Give the date of the proposal, stress the length of time Congress has failed to act, discuss how Congress' counter-proposals and legislation have contributed to the current situation. Blame Congress for our current economic recession. Point out how bills you have vetoed would have resulted in even a deeper recession if enacted. I'm sure you already have the documentation to back this up. In other words, run against Congress.

3. Running against Congress makes sense to me because I think you can make a case for Bill Clinton being as much of a Washington outsider as President Carter was. Stress the ineffectiveness of the Carter administration in enacting its legislative agenda, then portray Bill Clinton as just as much of a prisoner to his party as Jimmy Carter was. If elected, Bill Clinton will be a servant to a party and a Congress that, if not replaced, will not even allow the changes he would like to make. Bill Clinton is a captive of his party, Ross Perot has no party to effect change. The only individual with power to change is President Bush supported by a new Republican Congress. Make a case for true change through Republican control of both the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

4. I feel a Republican administration and congress could be elected if they could be portrayed as a cohesive body with a plan. This is the time consuming suggestion that

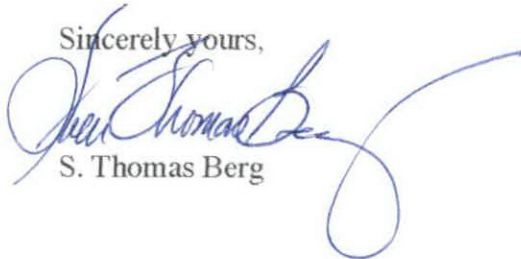
may be difficult to achieve at this late a date. Take the major non-controversial domestic issues facing our country today: the economy, health care, the national debt. Outline a program to alleviate these problems. Get every Republican candidate to endorse this plan along with a timetable for implementation. Then run as a team. An all or nothing campaign. This may sound risky, but if Bill Clinton wins by a landslide, there won't be many Republican's left in Washington. Let the nation choose between a well-outlined Republican agenda for real change and continued taxation and spending under a Democratic Congress and its captive president. Let's sweep the Democrats out of office!

5. I think that if you stick to the major issues, de-emphasizing personal attacks, proposing a detailed plan with commitment from other Republican's to implement this plan, you will win this election. Both you and I know how important character and trust are, but I am pessimistic about the moral character of most American's. Too few really care about these noble ideas. They care more about the pocket-book and personal gratification than the liberation of millions who once resided behind an Iron Curtain. As important as the Bush administration's contributions in the international arena have been, and history will point them out, American's don't care this year. Give them what they want: solutions to domestic issues. Don't pull a Ross Perot, don't list the issues, give a detailed plan to resolve the issues, enlist support, and run as a team. Bill Clinton would never be able to assemble such a commitment. This potential is your strength, use it!

6. Now to go out on a limb. Suggest to the Republican powers that be, and the future Republican leadership of the Senate and House, that it might be wise to make committee assignments before the election. Let the constituencies of each candidate know the specific role their man or woman will play in the future scheme of things. Let the voters vote for a package. Spring this package on the electorate as late as possible to prevent a Democratic counter-proposal, but early enough to avoid making it appear as a desperate move. Let it appear to be well thought out, well planned, and well timed.

Well, for what they are worth, those are my ideas. I have no idea of their value. If you can use them to help President Bush get reelected, so much the better. I pray that, for the sake of America, and every liberty and privilege we hold dear, that we are successful this November.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Thomas Berg", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

S. Thomas Berg

10/15/92
MR. JAMES BAKER:

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SINCE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ANNOUNCED
HE WAS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION THE NEWS
MEDIA HAS BEEN BASHING THE PRESIDENT UNMERCFULLY -
IT IS APPARANT THE LIBERAL NEWS MEDIA IS
ACTUALLY CAMPAIGNING FOR CLINTON/BORE INSTEAD
OF REPORTING THE NEWS OBJECTIVELY - NO MATTER
WHAT YOU READ OR WHAT YOU HEAR OR SEE ON
NEWS BROADCASTS ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND ISSUES
THE REPORTING IS 95% PRO CLINTON/BORE AND 95%
ANTI-BUSH/DUBOYLE. THE MEDIA IS UNPROFESSIONALLY
MIS CHARACTERIZING THE PRESIDENT AS "BEING OUT OF
TOUCH WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE." IT IS ALSO
APPARANT TO ME THAT THE LIBERAL NEWS MEDIA IS
INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY THE "PRESIDENT"

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OF THEIR WAY TO MISINFORM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
ON THE ISSUES AND THE ECONOMY TO GET CLINTON/BORE
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THE "WHY" QUESTION, I WOULD POINT TO THE
IRAA/KUWAIT CRISIS- PRIOR TO THE START OF THE
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AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE TOLD AND IF PRESENTED
IN THE PROPER FASHION THE RESULTS WOULD BE A

BACKLASH AGAINST THE MEDIA AND CLINTON/BORER.

POINT IN FACT. ON WED. 10/14/92 DURING THE LARRY KING LIVE SHOW GUESTS MR. ERDMAN AN ECONOMIST AND MR OSBORNE A SPOKESPERSON FOR CLINTON/BORER AGREED THE ECONOMY WASN'T AS BAD OFF AS THE MEDIA HAS BEEN PORTRAYING. IN FACT BOTH AGREED THE ECONOMY WAS GETTING BETTER AND PREDICTED A MUCH STRONGER ECONOMY WITHIN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS REGARDLESS WHO WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. THEY BOTH ALSO AGREED THAT THE GERMAN AND JAPANESE ECONOMIES WERE MUCH WORSE OFF THAN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

ON C-SPAN ON 10/15/92 THE HOST HELD UP NEWS PAPER AFTER NEWS PAPER KNOCKING PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE ECONOMY, AND OF COURSE A SPOKESMAN

FOR CLINTON/BORER (ANOTHER OXFORD GRADUATE)

DOUGLAS JENL OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES JUST LEFT
REINFORCING IN THE VIEWERS MINDS THAT "BUSH"
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I HOPE YOU RECEIVED MY TEN PAGE
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10/15/92 ^{HELP} TO A SET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STRAIGHT
ON THE HOW?, WHY? AND COURSE OF ACTION NEEDED
TO TURN THE ECONOMY AROUND -

THANK YOU AGAIN:

Respectfully yours
Robert E. Bantz

R. Bantz
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ATTENTION: JAMES BAKER

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To: James Baker
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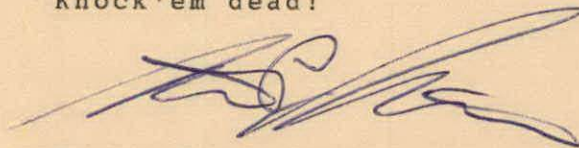
I'm voting for George Bush! My fear is that there are not enough of me. So, I thought I'd do what I can to help.

THE PRESIDENT NEEDS SOME POWERFUL IMAGES---FAST!!!

I've sent along a campaign advertisement suggestion that I believe can deliver the fatal blow to Clinton and bag this thing for The President. I submit these suggestions as a contribution to the re-election campaign and anticipate no reimbursement or recognition for this material. Just go out there and win !!!

I've tried to be as concise as possible, so view this as a conceptual outline, not as exact copy.

Knock'em dead!



Steve Corneliussen

spc

PRESIDENT'S "WALL-SIDE" CHAT

OVERVIEW

SCENE:

VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

Rainy Day

President Bush dressed casually,
carrying a black umbrella,
walking along the wall,
talking about America's
resolve to fight evils
like communism.

SUGGESTED SCRIPT

An opening shot of an inscription, or whatever is there, stating "Vietnam Memorial, etc." so our viewers know where we are. This should be a still shot lasting about 5-10 seconds, with on scene silence crickets chirping, traffic in background, etc.

The President is contemplative, reflective, and very open, and casual. He walks to his right, along the wall, so the names will run left to right across viewer's TV screens.

"As I walk along this memorial and see the names of dedicated young men and women who died in our nation's struggle against Communism, it's so incredible to realize that we have won. We've finally won. It cost hundreds of thousands of American lives, required incredible technological advancements, and took nearly fifty years. We fought in Korea, and Vietnam. We united with the European Nations of NATO. We fought in factories and at engineers and designers' desks with amazing technologies, like the B-2 Stealth bomber. . Part of reason for the collapse of the Soviet Union was the massive expenditures required to compete with our persistent Commitment to fighting them whenever and where ever they tried to inflict Communism onto free nations. Every President since World War two has shared that Commitment.

As we enter into a new Century, our nation should pause to remember an entire Century of dedication by Americans to fighting aggression and oppression, around the world. From the trenches of WW 1, to the Pacific Islands of WW 2, and the jungles of South East Asia. We need to remember the price paid by individual Americans. People like . (pausePick name off wall) ...Bill Smith, Airmen, first class.

You know, I've had some sleepless nights deciding to send our sons and daughters off to fight in some foreign land is a Gutt wrenching decision, one that tears at the very fiber of a person's character. There are people who say character is not an issue. I wonder if they've ever worn a US military uniform. As we celebrate our victories.. we must remember as Winston Churchill said (did he say this?) .."Eternal vigilance is the price of peace."

As Commander and Chief, I know we need a leader with the wisdom to keep America out of situations where we can't win, but also a leader with the character to make the tough decisions to do what America must do for freedom around the world.....

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The Hon. James Baker
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter of protest which I have sent to Pat Robertson's CHRISTIAN COALITION is a collateral complaint about the tactics the President and the Republican Party (of which I am a voting member!) have been using in this campaign, and I feel constrained to call it to your attention.

Early on - a few months ago - I wrote to the President expressing essentially the same indignation. His conduct in this campaign, whether directed by an election committee or by his own choice, demonstrate to me a low value on integrity and a paucity of character. I am terribly disappointed.

One of the outstanding achievements of his administration has been the progress you have made toward peace among many nations. Can you use your skills to guide the President to a higher level in the political arena? It is dreadfully late!

Respectfully,

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Oct. 14, 1992

The Rev. Mr. Pat Robertson
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Dear Mr. Robertson:

Let me introduce myself, so that you will know that the remarks that follow do not come from some radical wierdo. I am a born-again Episcopal Priest, 67 years old, a battle veteran of World War II in Germany, a long-time Republican, and a free-enterprise advocate (of the Adam Smith variety as distinguished from today's greed mongers).

The **Family Values Guide** which you have produced is not an "education" vehicle, as the text claims, but an energetic advocacy of George Bush. You are not being honest in your claim. Political parties do this kind of thing all the time, but when it is done under the name, Christian, I must complain; for, it is not faithful to Christ, nor to our national laws.

Be honest! Your **Family Values Guide** is a transparent plug for issues in which you have a tunnel-vision vested interest, "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel!" True, the issues you isolate are Family Values and need to be addressed; but your Guide avoids dealing with even deeper issues that also involve Christian integrity - family values - matters in which Governor Clinton may be in short supply, but matters in which President Bush has proven himself to be in short supply. Your Guide is not "voter education," but a promotion scheme for President Bush.

There can be no doubt that your are promoting a candidate because you have limited your "education" document to the few issues on which your position and that of George Bush coincide. Those few issues are listed in the center of the "guide" and on the right under the photo of a smiling George Bush one finds the positions you are known to support. On the left under the photo of a sly-looking Bill Clinton one finds the positions you are known to oppose. Even the positioning smacks of professional propaganda.

You do not touch on those issues on which President Bush has proven to be a miserable failure - like the economy. You have made your promotion look clean by dealing only with the **Family Values** issue as if the national debt, the economy, honesty, white-collar crime, warfare, and mud-slinging do not matter.

Your **Family Values Guide** is a prime example of the sin initiated by Eve in the Garden of Eden when she said, "Let's ignore the fact that God said not to eat the fruit of the tree, but let's eat it for the things we like about it. After all, the fruit of the tree is beautiful and nourishing. If we eat it for those reasons, then the Godly prohibition won't count."

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To paraphrase that: "If we vote for George Bush for the reasons isolated in the Family Values Guide, then the other crippling features of his administration will not matter." Such deception is odious in politicians, but it is sinful when done under the name, Christian. It besmirches all Christians.

The Family Values Guide ignores the terrible damage President Bush has done to the well-being of the American people in the past four years by insisting on policies that favor the rich. He has insisted on lowering the capital gains tax when loosening wealth has meant leveraged buy-outs that have thrown people out of work. He has shown little more than a "Gee whiz" concerning the failure of Savings and Loan associations that have robbed people's money. He has promoted (with the help of tax dollars!) the exodus of industry to foreign countries under the guise of free trade. Your chart does not consider the damage done to retirees through inflation and S&L robberies, to fathers and mothers through the loss of jobs, and to us and our children through the inexcusable four trillion dollar national debt.

Where do those policies place my Episcopalian President with regard to the passage in Matthew 25: "I was thirsty/hungry/naked/sick/etc. and you [took no steps to relieve my pain]?" Where is Christ to be found in those policies?

The Family Values Guide does not deal with the issue of the Iran-Contra crimes, of which George Bush says he had no knowledge. At last, two insiders (Weinberger and Secord) have produced more than speculative evidence that he did. Many persons have taken the rap and paid a high price for his "stonewalling" (or lying, if we would be indelicate).

Further, if he did not know, then he is not a fit leader of our country. That is, for President Reagan and Vice-President Bush (the veteran CIA professional) to have been ignorant of such deception and criminal violation of the law by our nation is inexcusable. It is interesting to note that when the issue surfaced, neither President Reagan nor Vice-President Bush showed indignation, nor did they personally seek to ferret out the violators. (Harry S. Truman would have had them on the carpet in a heart-beat!) Our Constitution protects a person from having to testify if that testimony might incriminate one's self, and I believe George Bush has been protecting himself. Jesus Christ says there comes a time when principal is more important than the law and the self - a time when integrity (a vital family value!) calls for full disclosure. We got evasions from our leaders, evasions that were grudgingly wrung out by the press! What a horrible example this has set for our children.

God says: "Thou shalt not bear false (incomplete) witness..." "The truth shall set you free..." Are those not family values?

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The Family Values Guide says nothing about the President's willingness to sell weapons of war to Taiwan, Israel and Saudi Arabia - and other potential combatants - "in order to provide jobs" hoping to create the illusion that prosperity is just around the corner. What a rationale!

Further, he has taken our best negotiator for peace, James Baker, off the job as Secretary of State in the desperate hope that Mr. Baker can help Bush/Quayle to win re-election. What a terrible trade-off! How must the Prince of Peace view those steps? Maybe beating plowshares into swords is not a "family value" issue in your guide, but as a combat veteran I have sufficient credentials to say that warfare places little value on family life, if not on family values. Those who aid and abet warring factions by supplying more weaponry than peace initiatives must not have heard the Psalmist warning: "Put not your trust in horses and chariots..." but trust God to be manifest in your faithful exercise of His way. Sword rattling appeals to lots of our citizenry and can garner votes; but are we so mentally bankrupt that we cannot enable reconciliation - a vital family value?

The Family Values Guide does not touch on the environmental issues that President Bush is willing to sacrifice so that the industries that are left in this country can make higher profits at the expense of the health and safety of our citizens and this earth, our island home. Check the President's record at the Earth Summit and see who he cares about - the little guy who re-cycles cans and bottles or the industrialists who kill fish and trees with acid rain and toxic waste. Is that good stewardship of this earth and concern for its people? You know what the Bible says.

The Family Values Guide does not finger the mean-spirited (childish) attacks the President and our Republican zealots have made against Governor Bill Clinton. True, Mr. Clinton is not "squeaky-clean," but neither is anyone else. He has good points and so does the President have good points; but our President engages in vilification in order to win votes instead of exemplifying the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ: (Matt.5:21ff) "...whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the judgement...whoever says 'You fool' shall be liable to the hell fire." (Matt.5:38ff) "If any one strikes you on the cheek, turn to him the other also..." and "Love your enemies...be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." St. Paul says, "forgive the sin, build on the good." We are called upon to identify wrongs, but Mr. Bush has engaged in vilification as a system for winning votes. That is hardly something Christians should encourage.

Another example: The President and Republican dirty-tricks people harp on Bill Clinton's escape from the draft - an emotional issue for me - but he says nothing negative about Dick Cheney (fine man!) and Newt Gingrich who also evaded the draft.

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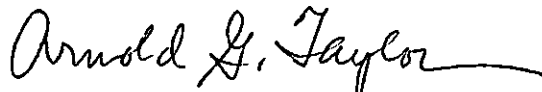
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Further, President Bush has the gaul to claim that Dan Quayle was patriotic because he did serve in the military - when the record shows he used influence to get in the National Guard as a system for avoiding the same thing Bill Clinton avoided: combat. How many Viet Nam veterans and prisoners would have traded places? How can our President engage in such hypocrisy and still claim an edge on the issue of "character?" (Matt.7:1ff) "...Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" What a terrible example his attacks set for our children who are called to be reconcilers! So much for "family values."

God bless George Bush! I had high hopes for our nation and George Bush four years ago, but his record shows some significant absences of the virtues Christ calls for - and you are abetting in the deception our Party is perpetrating and you must be held accountable. (Matt.12:36ff) "...I tell you on the day of judgement men will render account for every careless word they utter..." What comes out of the mouth of President Bush defiles him; for, he does not tell us the whole truth. Neither do you (Christian Coalition). By offering us your slanted "Family Values Guide," you have obscured some other issues that have a profound effect upon family life. You are asking me to distribute a half-truth. No, thanks. I can put up with that from politicians, but not in Christ's Name.

Do not send any of your "blind guides" to me. I will not distribute them. They are false prophets.

Yours in Christ,



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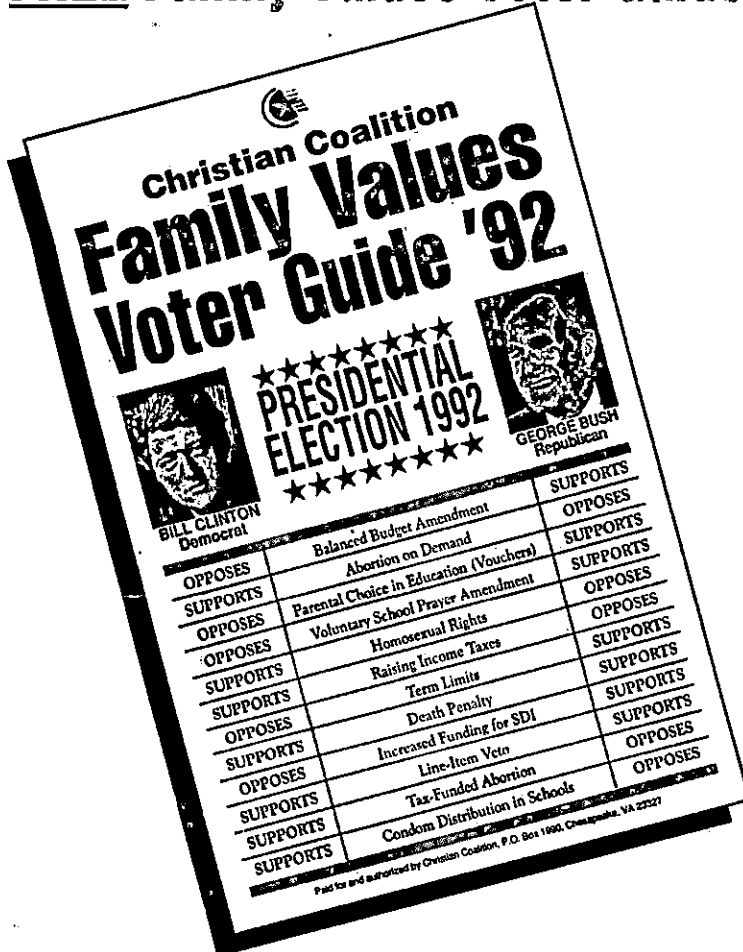
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MR. BAKER — SIR:

AS A FORMER MARINE (LIKE YOURSELF) AND AS A BIG FAN OF THE PRESIDENT, I FEEL IT MY DUTY TO WARN YOU BOTH THAT THE ELECTION MAY BE LOST IF YOU DO NOT START RUNNING MORE AGGRESSIVE ADDS ON TV AGAINST BILL CLINTON'S "5th COLUMN" ACTIVITIES DURING HIS TIME AT OXFORD.

YOU GUYS MUST START HAMMERING HOME INTO THE MINDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE (VIA TOUGHER AND BOLDER TV ADDS) THAT BILL CLINTON WAS INDEED A DE FACTO VIET-CONG "5th COLUMNIST" (OR SUGGEST AS MUCH, VIA CAREFULLY EDITED SHOTS OF CLINTON WITH LONG HAIR AND BEARD AT ANTI-WAR RALLIES IN LONDON WITH ONE OR MORE VIETCONG-FLAGS WAVING IN THE BACKGROUND). THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT CLINTON WAS IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS OTHER TRAITORS LIKE FONDA, RUBIN, AND HOFFMAN, AND YOU GUYS MUST HAMMER THIS IDEA HOME TO THE AMERICAN VOTERS BEFORE ITS TOO LATE! — PLEASE!

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE BY NOW, I DESPISE BOTH CLINTON AND HIS HIPPIE WIFE HILARY. WHEN THESE TWO YELLOW 5th COLUMN TRAITORS WERE GETTING THEIR "LEFTIST" EDUCATIONS AT LIBERAL SCHOOLS LIKE HARVARD, ME AND A LOT OF OTHER "JAR-HEADS" FROM 26th AND 9th MARINES WERE GETTING OUR RIGHT-WING SCHOOLING AT THE MEANEST UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM — KHE SAHN COMBAT BASE!

SO DON'T LET US DOWN, SIR. ME AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER "GRADUATES" OF KHE SAHN ARE COUNTING ON YOU AND THE PRESIDENT TO SHOW AMERICAN VOTERS CLINTON'S TRUE COLORS — RED, YELLOW, AND BLUE (COLORS OF THE VC FLAG!).

— SIGNED

A KHE SAHN "ALUMNUS"
("MIKE" COMPANY 3/26)

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IF (GOD FORBID!) CLINTON IS ELECTED, I WILL DISMOUNT THE FLAG-POLE IN MY FRONT YARD AND WILL ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO FLY MY AMERICAN FLAG FOR AS LONG AS CLINTON IS PRESIDENT — I WILL NOT SOIL "OLD GLORY" BY LETTING HER FLY WHILE A YELLOW TRAITOR SITS IN THE OVAL OFFICE!

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Dear Mr. Baker;

The enclosed advertisement
paid for by a concerned
Democrat appeared recently
in the New York Times.

I have a definition for
character. It is Heil
long continued."

I think this should be
discussed in this campaign.

Lots of luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Spranz M.D.

SHOULD THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BE OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER?

The United States is still a great country and the leader of the Free World: Yes, the leader of the Free World should be a man of high moral character. A country that does not have high moral values will eventually self-destruct or become a second-rate nation. **The U.S. must be prevented from self-destructing or becoming a second-rate nation.**

The president of our country is regarded as a role model by the majority of our citizens. If the president does not have high moral values, some of our citizens may lower their own moral values to those of our president's. That is why the moral character question is legitimate and must be discussed in advance. This high moral character standard must be applied to all candidates.

There is no malice intended towards any candidate. It is in keeping with the First Amendment to robustly discuss the qualifications of any candidate for high public office. I do not expressly advocate the defeat or election of any candidate. Specifically, I do not advocate the defeat of William Clinton. What I am asking is that the qualification of character of the candidates to hold high office be discussed as protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

When a man voluntarily seeks high public office his private life is no longer private but open to the examination of the voters he is asking to vote for him. Only after full disclosure and inspection of his qualifications by the voters will the voters know what is his moral character — high or low. Clinton refuses to answer and to be held to this high moral standard.

Gary Hart was originally thought to be of high moral character. He had to quit in disgrace. Clinton should be held to the same high moral standards as was Gary Hart.

Clinton first denied Gennifer Flowers was his mistress saying she was just a good friend. Later he changed his story and said, in effect, it was none of the voters' business whether or not he was an adulterer. At a rally a young man asked him pointblank if he was an adulterer. Clinton first replied he was tired of being held to a double standard. Then he replied that he was not going to answer the question of whether he was an adulterer. You have a right to know.

Gennifer Flowers, Clinton's mistress, according to her, made tape recordings of their intimate telephone conversations. According to the transcript of these telephone conversations, Flowers described an intimate sex act. She said Clinton replied, "Well, you can tell them (reporters) that if I don't run for president." If true, this shows low moral character. From the transcripts of these conversations it sounds as though Gennifer Flowers was Clinton's mistress while he was married to his wife Hillary.

It is shocking but true, virtually none of the major media: **The New York Times, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, NBC News, ABC News, CBS News, Associated Press, United Press International, CNN or Larry King Live** will ask Clinton if he is an adulterer. A reporter asked the Republican candidate President Bush, and his wife, if he was an adulterer, which he vehemently denied.

They consider the question of Clinton's alleged draft evasion a legitimate question to be raised because it goes to his moral character. They are very wrong when they contend that adultery does not go to the moral character of a man. Alleged adultery is a far greater legitimate question than draft evasion. Yet the major media and the talk shows do not have the guts to put this question to Clinton. If President Bush was asked this question surely it must be judged a legitimate question to ask William Clinton. Yet the media refuse to acknowledge this.

The major media group is to be severely condemned for not doing so. They have a duty to ask Clinton if he was an adulterer. They also have a duty, as they did with Gary Hart, to investigate in depth Gennifer Flowers and her tape recordings of her telephone conversations with Clinton. They should report to you, the voters, the sexual act described on the tapes, without any editing. If this act is too offensive to modesty or decency, then he is not of high moral character and he should quit as Gary Hart quit.

Write to any one of these news media demanding they publicly ask candidate Clinton whether he was an adulterer, was Gennifer Flowers his mistress, and his attitude towards the Flowers tapes. In not asking these legitimate questions of Clinton the media are failing in their duty to their readers, listeners and viewers, and to you — the voters. **Write today.**

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Mr. James Baker
Bush Reelection Campaign
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Baker:

Based on President Bush's approach with the debate Sunday night, I am afraid he is going to lose the White House. I do not want that to happen.

What's the problem? He simply cannot keep telling the country that "it's not that gloomy. We are the United States of America." The fact of the matter is, despite statistics, many Americans believe it is gloomy. Perception is greater than reality. [REDACTED] Everyone in my family thinks it's gloomy. He comes across as detached and not empathetic to the plight of Americans.

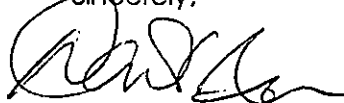
So what do I recommend? First, keep in mind that President Reagan's question in 1980 is highly relevant today, even if not stated verbatim. Are we better or worse off today than four years ago? The perception is that we are worse off and hence Mr. Clinton's "change" strategy is highly relevant and attractive. President Bush needs to take the offensive on this issue. How? Start with foreign affairs. He can definitively say that we are better off. We live in a safer world with reduced Soviet threat. He needs to push this harder. Keep it simple. Americans will agree and the concern that we might risk this freedom with another President will be obvious.

On domestic affairs, the President needs to come clean. Admit that most Americans are not better off. The people already know this and President Bush's credibility will jump demonstrably. He then needs to admit some fault (even if it is not all his -- this doesn't matter). And then push harder his plan for what he will do differently if reelected. Again keep it simple. Keep pushing the importance of reducing spending to reduce the deficit. People are very aware of the deficit due to Mr. Perot's campaign. And dramatize the difference on tax policy. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, FESS UP, EMPATHIZE AND ADMIT CHANGES NEED TO TAKE PLACE.

You might ask what credibility do I have in making these suggestions. Well, for one, I talk to alot of voters and they all feel like I do. Two, I am a marketer and I know the importance of a relevant, credible, focused and simple message. So did President Reagan and we all know how successful he was.

Let's get going. There's no time to waste. The President only has two more debates in order to strike back. I hope to hear a new message when I tune in next week.

Sincerely,



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WRN October 14, 1992

Mr. James Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

I hope that you can arrange for President Bush and his supporters to emphatically point out to the American voters that the Democratic Congress is largely responsible for the huge Budget Deficit and the poor economy including the job situation and those Democratic Congressmen must be replaced, -- not President Bush. They killed the requested reduction of Capital Gains tax, which reduction is the source of new businesses and jobs, as you know. They refused to pass Bush's proposed legislation for the economy for political reasons even though needed, and instead passed legislation bills that were pork-filled tax and spend bills requiring Bush's vetoes in many cases.

I believe Congress must now be blamed openly for its sins, and replaced. Too many (Democratic) Congressmen care only about their well-being and reelection not about what is best for the country.

Also, I suggest you see that Darman and Brady, who are credited with having worked out the tax deals with Congress, are quickly replaced as they should have been long, long ago.

Good luck in the reelection of President Bush.

Sincerely,

John F. Corwin

Dalhousie, Texas
Oct. 12, 1992

Jim Baker
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Baker:

To introduce myself, I was born in 1906, and during my lifetime, there has been six Democrats in the White House, out of those six Democrat presidents, five of them have led this country in a major war. What I cannot understand is why the Republicans up there in Washington are not telling the American voters this. It would make the difference between winning or losing this election. And if there are any Republicans up there in Washington that do not believe this, then just wait and see if I am not right. If Clinton is elected, Arkansas will be the real winner for getting rid of him for a governor. He is about as qualified for the presidency, as my cat is. Millions of young voters of military age, and their parents need to know that five of the last six Democrat presidents have fought a war. The Democrats sure as hell are not going to tell them. All the Democrats are going to tell them is the war the Republicans had with Iraq. They said that the president helped build Iraq war machine, and that he stopped the war too soon. The Democrats would have liked to have seen a much higher casualty list. They never had much

trouble in asking our boys, and young men to risk their lives fighting their wars. That is why the Republic^{ans} should ask the voters if they want to trust another Democrat in the white House. If the Republicans would have had this country in half of those wars. The Democrats would be letting the people hear about it every few hours).

It is stupid beyond belief, that the Republicans have let the Democrats get away with that kind of war record. Especially since, the Democrats have tried to make so much out of that Iraq war. I have said it before, and I will say it again. We can keep our mouths shut, and lose this election, or we can tell these millions of voters that do not know that it was the Democrats in all of those wars, and win the election. I cannot do anything about it myself, but there are plenty of you Republicans up there in Washington who can. No body hates a Democrat any more than I do, and I do not want to see them, especially Clinton win this election. The Republicans can win this election if we expose their lousy war record. It would not only win it for this election, but for many elections yet to come.

yours,

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October 14, 1992

James Baker
Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Time is running out and Clinton still seems to have the advantage on economic issues. Clinton's economic plan would make people worse off, but President Bush doesn't seem to have convinced the voters.

One of Clinton's most harmful proposals is his plan to increase payroll taxes to pay for job training and medical insurance. The only comment that I have heard by President Bush is that these taxes would reduce profits and hurt small business. But the harm goes well beyond reduced profits. There is a well established economic theory called the "burden of taxes", which states that it doesn't matter where the tax is collected, the burden of a tax is born by consumers and workers as well as business. Maybe you haven't touched the burden argument because it appears to be complicated; but I think it can be explained very simply. Enclosed you will find a little skit for a TV commercial that would inform the people of the tax burden of a payroll tax.

Before you discard this letter too quickly, let me give you my credentials. I am a Professor of Economics (currently on leave) at the University of Maryland, College Park, with a PhD in economics from Harvard University.

Feel free to use the enclosed skit as it is or in modified form. I think it is essential that Bush be reelected.

Sincerely.

Curtis C. Harris, Jr.
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BURDEN OF PAYROLL TAX

Setting: A group of workers sitting around talking about politics and the economy.

Worker One: I am concerned about Clinton's plan for hefty increases in payroll taxes.

Worker Two: Why should you be concerned? The tax is paid by the employers, not the workers. We have nothing to lose.

Worker One: Oh no! Where do you think business will get the money to pay the tax?

Worker Three: Knowing the company I work for, my wages will be reduced.

Worker Four: My company will just increase prices of the consumer goods it sells.

Worker Five: My wife will probably be laid off by her boss.

Worker Six: My father owns a small business. He wouldn't raise prices or lower wages or lay off his loyal workers. He would just suffer the loss of profits. It would ruin his plans for retirement.

Workers One: You know, all of you are right. With an increase in payroll taxes consumer prices would go up, wages would go down, jobs would be lost, and profits would go down. My brother has been taking a course in economics at the university, and he says these results are called the "burden of the tax". It does not make any difference who pays a tax, the burden of the tax falls on consumers and workers.

Worker Three: We are both consumers and workers.

Worker Four: How could Bill Clinton do this to us?

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James Baker, Campaign Chairman
Bush/Quayle
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Dear Mr. Baker:

I've worked in the Republican Party for over 30 years as precinct committee person, in many campaigns, and the Republican Women's Club. I'm retired and presently volunteer in several social service programs. There are so many good programs in operation now that are giving job training, getting people jobs, and giving them an opportunity to work for self-sufficiency and President Bush is not using them in his speeches and especially in several instances during the debate where he could have made good points. Why? Let's tell the voters what the Republicans are doing.

Examples -

JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) in the Department of Labor is training and retraining people. Needs more funding.

JOBS program in Department of HHS that allows mothers on AFDC (some places is mandatory) to get job training and jobs. Needs to be mandatory and be adequately funded.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY program in HUD that requires new families to go into the program in order to get a Section 8 certificate. Excellent.

Retraining programs for government facilities that are being closed.

Another area to talk about are the home ownership opportunities for low income families. HOME, HOPE, loans thru FNMA, etc. There are many and more are needed.

I'm sure there are many other programs with which I am not familiar. We must re-elect the President so please give him the information to answer the Democrats, don't let them take the programs in place and claim them as their own. Time is wasting.

Sincerely,

Peg Johnstone

Mrs. James (Peg) Johnstone

cc: Bruce Benson

Oct.12,1992

James Baker ,Pres. Asst.
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Dear Mr Baker:

Enclosed is a Letter I sent to VFW Comm. Carney Concerning
Bill Clinton patriotism.

I consider the men and women who went to Vietnam Patriots. This is what President Bush should have said to him concerning patriotism. Clinton states he wants to do for the middle class. He sure did in Vietnam. He let the Black and White Middle Class Fight while he was a DRAFT DODGER. If He did that in a War What would he do to US as president.

You have got to get President Bush going on this issue.

He has to tell him who the Patriots are and Clinton is no patriot!
Lets GET MOVING!

Is the New York Times owned by people who condone draft dodging as well as most of the other newspapers and the major TV stations. Do the writers and news casters throw the balls that the owners want.

This rich group does not want George Bush after all he has done and they vote in a block.

I hope you pull this out!

Good Luck,
Frank J. Caccetta
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October 12, 1992

John Carney Com. in Chief
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Dear Comrade Carney,

Your letter of Oct. 2 arrived and my opinions of you and Comander Longendyke of N.Y. have not changed. You let Hanoi Clinton at the convention get away with out telling the truth.

As a veteran, I question his patriotism and I also question you and the Commander from NY State as to the wisdom you used at the convention.

You let the draft dodger off the hook and insulted the Patriots who fought and died in Vietnam.

He is concerned about the middleclass!

Who does he think those black and white Christians who fought the Vietnam war were!

You stated we do not endorse candidates Sir either you are naive or I am but my NY State VFW paper states we endorsed George Bush four(4) Years ago.

This article in the paper tis morning by Jack Anderson, who I don't admire? This article left me wondering. Is this the same Veterans of Foreign Wars that I join in 1945 and was proud to Serve in?

Yours in comradeship



Frank J. Caccetta
Past Commander 2973
Life Member

VA hospitals won't have to fear any more surprise raids by Ed Derwinski

WASHINGTON — Big, burly Edward Derwinski with his signature crew cut is not ideally suited for slipping into buildings incognito.

But as secretary of veterans' affairs, he successfully launched dozens of what he dubbed "surprise raids."

He would appear at VA hospitals under an assumed identity feigning sickness to size up the quality of unrehearsed, routine care-giving.

One Saturday afternoon, for example, he walked into a VA hospital emergency room and complained of chest pains.

To his horror, Derwinski was kept waiting an hour before being offered medical care — a potentially lethal lapse of time in actual cardiac cases. Derwinski delivered a dressing down to the hospital's administration the following Monday.

When he wasn't snooping, Derwinski was squeezing three consecutive billion-dollar increases for the VA budget by appealing directly to the president. He delivered for vets.

But he became persona non grata the day he proposed opening up underutilized veteran hospitals to poor non-vets, prompting the Veterans of Foreign War to withhold a coveted endorsement of President Bush last month.

Seeking to recapture a core Republican constituency, the White House sacked Derwinski days later in what many regard as transpa-



JACK ANDERSON

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

rent pandering to one of the most spoiled special interests in Washington.

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., for example, scorns the VFW and others as "professional fund-raising veterans" whose "demands are insatiable — they're never satisfied."

Derwinski's political point of no return was proposing a pilot program in August 1991 aimed at rationalizing, and ultimately preserving, the separateness of the VA health-care system. Two under-utilized VA hospitals in Alabama and Virginia would have been slated to treat non-veterans in communities of rural poor.

Veterans still would have enjoyed priority treatment, and the cost of treating non-vets would have been footed by the Department of Health and Human Services, not the VA.

However, veterans' groups

viewed this as a slippery slope, the undercutting of the sanctity of the VA health-care system. Although the Senate voted down the pilot program, the vilification of the former VA chief didn't relent until his removal from the cabinet last month.

The White House didn't so much toss Derwinski overboard as they offered him up as trade bait, according to the Bush-Quayle campaign and VA officials. Derwinski's exit is expected to enhance chances of a VFW endorsement of the Republican ticket.

Bush/Quayle campaign manager Fred Malek was the designated hatchet man, but the decision was reportedly made by James Baker.

According to VA sources, when Malek asked Derwinski last month to leave the VA to join the campaign to work with ethnic groups, Derwinski asked if the decision was being made to improve the political situation with veterans. Malek said yes.

Then Derwinski said he would leave with one caveat: "You also have to tell me the White House wants me to do it." A week later, Malek phoned Derwinski to tell him that was the case.

The Derwinski debacle has left Bush/Quayle officials chagrined at how the commander-in-chief/-World War II hero, who is running against an alleged Vietnam draft-dodger, could not earn the VFW's endorsement.

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October 13, 1992

Mr. James Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

After watching the debate Sunday night as well as both the Democratic and Republican conventions and various speeches by President Bush and Bill Clinton, I feel compelled to write to you regarding the President's campaign. As a life-long Republican I am appalled at the prospect of having Bill Clinton in the White House. As a businessman, I am dreading the prospect of returning to the days of Jimmy Carter with runaway inflation, rising interest rates, and a President that is totally incapable of coping with the demands of the job.

Although I may not be qualified to tell anyone how to run a campaign, I do feel that I have a thorough understanding of the issues that are most important to the voters and I have strong feelings as to how the President should deliver the message to the public.

First and foremost, we must understand the motivation of the Democratic party. They appeal to the middle class by promising to rectify the problems that face the middle class with solutions that, at face value, seem reasonable but upon investigation have no merit. The public must be made to realize that the Democratic party seeks to gain control of their lives under the assumption that we are too ignorant to take care of ourselves. This is nothing more than an attempt to move America towards socialism with the government controlling healthcare, education, and business.

I believe that the President needs to deliver what the network analysts have been calling the "knockout punch". He can do so by attacking Clinton's agenda on an item by item basis and explaining to the voters how this platform makes no economic sense.

During the debate Mr. Bush cited the fact that there is no way that taxes can be raised on taxpayers with taxable incomes over \$200,000 to raise \$150 billion. He needs to go further and cite the specific figure that would be raised based upon Clinton's proposal and the amount of the shortfall that would be absorbed by the average taxpayer. Further, this shortfall should be broken down as to what the individual taxpayer would have to pay. Also, it should be noted that the wealthiest 1% of all taxpayers already pay the lion's share of income taxes and that any increase in taxes to this group would be patently unfair.

Mr. Clinton states that he wants to reduce the defense budget and channel the funds in to other programs. This policy does nothing to reduce the federal deficit and costs thousands of defense workers their jobs. We must come to realize that the defense budget has always functioned as a quasi federal jobs program and making wholesale cuts in the defense budget only makes the employment situation worse. The question was also raised at the debate as to what the President would do to convert defense factories to other manufacturing concerns. It is not the federal government's responsibility to insure the viability of any business. These contractors assume the risks of business in order to gain the rewards of their endeavors.

The economy is obviously the chief issue in this campaign and the Democrats have been successful thus far in laying the blame squarely on the shoulders of the President. I believe that the problems with the economy are derived from two principal sources.

First, the tax reform act of 1986 as sponsored by the Democrats in Congress eliminated incentives for investment and thereby reduced the number of new ventures and curtailed job growth. It also raised taxes on passive income to the point where real estate investments no longer made sense to investors. These investors that were supporting projects in times of leaseup or vacancy in order to preserve their investment and tax benefits no longer had any incentive to do so. This singularly caused the demise of the savings and loan industry along with the collapse of most real estate markets. The President must point out that the Democrats in Congress are actually responsible for the economic problems facing the country and that he has been calling for changes in the tax code that would stimulate investment that have been effectively blocked by the Democrats. Again, they are blocking these proposals under the guise that they are tax breaks for the rich that must be absorbed the middle class. Certainly, only individuals in the upper income brackets have the capability to make the required investments and must be given some incentive to do so. The middle class benefits by having the job base expanded and the tax breaks are offset by the increase in tax revenue derived from the new jobs that are created.

Second, there has been a natural reduction in the labor force as businesses become more efficient in order to remain competitive. This occurrence is not anyone's fault but part of the business cycle. The displaced workers will eventually be absorbed by other businesses but only if there is a continued expansion in the growth of new businesses.

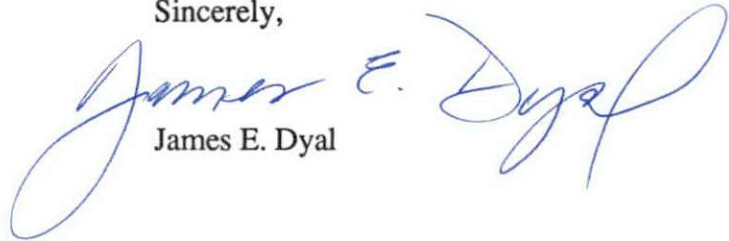
Most economists agree that there is a simple method available to balance the budget without cutting any existing programs. The growth of the budget is simply limited to a rate that is less than the growth rate of the tax base. Thus, over a five year period the budget will balance itself. I feel that the President and the Republican party should adopt this policy and firmly support a balanced budget.

Another principal issue that concerns the voter is education, principally the funding of improvements in the education system. The Democrats purport that they can channel funds in to education to achieve these improvements. First, the cost of the public education system is, by and large, funded by the state and local government. It has never been the federal government's responsibility to fund the cost of public education. Also, the cost of education is so vast that the federal government cannot possibly make a significant contribution by shifting funds within the existing budget. Therefore, there would have to be a significant increase in taxes to support this funding. The state and local governments have been unwilling to increase taxes choosing instead to blame the President. The point must be made that improvement in education must come from the local and not the federal level. The federal government can only mandate that education reform take place.

I believe that the President must go on national television and present his case to the voters. He must present the economic evidence to discredit Bill Clinton and the Democratic party. The

evidence is incontrovertible cannot be logically disputed by Clinton. The President has also come under fire for several vetoes of popular legislation. He must explain these vetoes and why these pieces of legislation would not ultimately benefit the people. We must give credit to the public that they are able to understand complex economic issues. Otherwise they will continue to believe the propaganda that is part and parcel of the Democratic party. I firmly support the President and hope that a method will be found to successfully deliver his message to the people to insure his reelection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James E. Dyal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent part.

James E. Dyal



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October 12, 1992

Honorable James A. Baker, III
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Dear Mr. Baker:

One of the many significant comments made by President Bush during last evening's debate was that you would succeed as head of his economic recovery plan. Allow me to alert you to the most significant dilemma affecting economic recovery that persists among thousands of small businesses throughout our Country. Let me define this as the dilemma of the small business checkwriters of America.

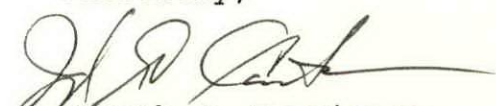
Businesses are reducing workers at an alarming rate because the cost of jobs today is burdensome. People costs, whether medical, taxes, cost of living, or otherwise are too high, forcing employers to reduce them in order to survive. The solution to this burden is not solely that of President Bush's but the workers down here in the business valleys of America look to him and his administration for a turn around plan.

I would like to suggest a "new job bonus plan" available to those employers who hire and train new employees. This bonus would come in the form of a double tax deduction to the employer for wages paid to new employees. For instance, a person hired at \$35,000 would render the employer a \$70,000 tax deduction. The projected loss in revenue to the federal government would be partially offset by increased income, social security and unemployment taxes paid at the employer and employee levels. Given this tax saving incentive, employers will increase their hiring.

We must face this loss of jobs in our country straight on. Looking to the White House for leadership, the business community will respond provided incentives are there to help change direction.

~~I sincerely hope President Bush has a successful reelection effort~~ and that he comes forward with direction to help American businesses of all sizes to again achieve world dominance in the marketplace.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Cannistra

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Dear Mr. Baker:

My greatest wish is that President Bush will be re elected. However, unless something insightful and original is brought out, the chances are slim. The American people wish to see flexibility and willingness to change. The old "look there" will no longer fly - its got to be look here and see what adjustments I will make.

Mr. Clinton promises everything - Mr. Perot presents statistics, but does not evaluate their relationship to our economy.

If you can't come up with an economic plan that does not copy the president's opponents, I would be glad to offer you some ideas.

P.S. I'll attach an idea might help.

Sincerely
Harold Dehner
PO Box 104

plan

(What) - Tax, or call it a levy on
imports by American companies to
our retail markets; if those companies
send a majority of their products
back to U.S. markets and make
above average return on their
investments. Considerable tax
applied to reduce deficit only.

(Why) America use to have principles
where the right to corporate
entity pre supposed a responsibility
to American society for quality and
social concern.

As a poor American my premises
& conclusions are based on shopping.
- I went to store, ask for American
made to Cordless phone - There were
none. - Ask for American made
microwave oven there was only one.
Looked for a T.V. (most products had
American names) not sure if any
were completely made in U.S.A.
Japan has ^{embraced} our old
concept - build car in America
to primarily sell to Americans,
that's good.
The present time appear we are
speculating economies view & life is

mean turned by a (deficit)
replacement of blood, until
American or America can
not afford the blood and
our beloved economy will
~~collapse~~ collapse.

The best we can hope
for is American will
allow - the greedy one or
two percent to put the
blood back into this economy
and pray our present free enterprise
has not been consumed by
socialistic monsters.

political advantage

Do not tax any American
working class or American
investment capital.

Compared to - "perot" taxes were
geared to hurt middle class
& poor. - life blood such as gas tax

Clinton - would create hardships
& further increased deficit - as well
as decrease incentive for new jobs.
- This is a shot that might help.

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Mr. James Baker
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Oct. 13, 1992

Dear Mr. Baker:

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Perhaps it is too late, but the election campaign must be changed.

President Bush should have done this before or at the Convention. At least it should have been done in the debates.

He should have been more forceful and passionate regarding the economy. He should outline what he is going to do in the first 100 days of a new term. For example:

1. Economic plan: Present specific short details on his several programs with dates and numbers. Bring his previous proposals and any new ones all together in one package.
2. Jobs: Outline briefly his job creation plans and how to unleash private initiatives.
3. Health: Give three short steps to provide health care, insurance coverage and contain costs.

4. Retraining and Education: Again, forcefully emphasize retraining plans and education proposals. Repeat the school choice proposal; competitive for all schools to improve.

To accomplish all this, emphasize that there will be almost 150 new congressmen in the new Congress and he will be able to end gridlock and push these things into law, where necessary.

Also, remind voters of the last Democratic Administration when we had 14% interest, 12% inflation and double digit unemployment. Don't be vague about it, repeat the numbers. Don't let them get away with the statement that this is the worst economy in the last 50 years.

In conclusion, the President must come out fighting on the economy. Be passionate! Be forceful! Take no guff! Take no excuses! Again and again repeat the above four points.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Phillips

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October 9, 1992

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re: 1992 Presidential Campaign

Dear Mr. Baker:

With the first of the 1992 debates almost upon us, and the election less than a month away, I would offer the following suggestions for themes to be articulated by the campaign in the few weeks remaining until Election Day:

1. When all is said and done, the central question is: Which candidate can you trust to lead America for the next four years? Governor Clinton's draft record, and his activities in the anti-Viet Nam war movement, are not issues in and of themselves, but are reflections on Clinton's unwillingness to provide information sufficient to permit the American people to trust him.

2. President Bush has shown that he is not afraid to make hard choices for America, when it is necessary to provide for the country's long-term good. (Eg., his recent veto of the cable TV regulation bill, a position he took to stave off further governmental regulation and increase competition, a position that reflects political courage in the face of Democratic opposition.) Governor Clinton has shown that he is not afraid to take both sides of an issue, when it is necessary to avoid offending elements of the Democratic base on which he is depending. (Eg., the recent trade treaty position he staked out, for the treaty but not for the treaty.) It is Governor Clinton, not President Bush, who will "say anything to get elected."

3. While the economy is not where we would like it to be, Governor Clinton's assertion that the economy is "the worst we've seen in fifty years" conveniently overlooks the Carter debacle. In four years, President Carter presided over the wholesale dismantling of the American economy and America's strength and image as a world power. He left President Reagan and America a

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legacy of double-digit inflation, double-digit unemployment, and a spirit of "malaise," as Carter himself described it. President Reagan and President Bush have managed to rebuild the economy, creating almost 20,000,000 new jobs, and have placed the American ideal before the world as an example worthy of emulation. And, the world has taken us up on that example. Had the American military not been strengthened, who knows whether communism would have collapsed in the former Soviet Union? Had President Bush not stood up to Saddam Hussein, who knows what the price of gasoline and other fossil fuels would be today? These steps have not been easy, and have not always been politically expedient, but they were necessary for America. Can we expect the same from President Clinton? Nothing we have seen in this campaign suggests that he has the courage or the conviction necessary to make hard choices.

4. There are interesting parallels between Governor Clinton and President Carter. President Carter had no more experience in international affairs than Governor Clinton has had; President Carter had party control of both houses of Congress, as Governor Clinton hopes to have as President; President Carter, during his campaign, pursued a theme of "it's time for a change," as Governor Clinton's people are pursuing. (Ask the American people if they were satisfied with that change.) In fact, the only significant difference between the two is that President Carter had the benefit of service in the military (U.S. Navy), which Governor Clinton has not had (and did not seem to want very much.)

5. If the Democrats are serious about their "time for a change theme," they will encourage voters to support Republican candidates for House and Senate seats, to provide the impetus for the changes that are really necessary for this country. The reckless spending patterns of past Congresses, controlled by the Democrats, have created or contributed to many of the economic problems the country faces, and have prevented the solutions laid out by President Bush from being implemented. Is it fair to blame President Bush for problems that the Congress has created? Is it rational to leave in place those members of Congress who have created those problems?

6. The Democrats are talking a lot about change. Just as all problems cannot be addressed successfully by change, so the American people need to understand--and remember--that not all change is good. (The change made in 1976 is a good reminder of this.)

I continue to believe that many voters are looking for reasons to support President Bush, and are not happy with Governor Clinton. I hope that the debates will help them find those reasons. One thing that the voters should be reminded of: Whatever the faults of President Bush, President Bush is all that stands between Bill

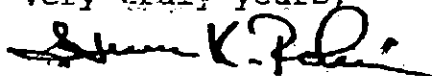
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Clinton and the White House. However, I think this will not be enough. I would respectfully encourage the campaign to spend at least a portion of the last few weeks, and some significant portion of the debates, articulating President Bush's vision of America's next four years.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven K. Robison", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven K. Robison

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October 13, 1992

Honorable James Baker
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Wall Street Journal, October 12, page 1, "The Outlook" effectively kills the Economy and Need for Change issues.

I urgently recommend T V commercials featuring highlights.

Sincerely ,

Arthur L. Reuter

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
James Baker
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Dear Mr. Secretary

I have just concluded watching the Vice Presidential debate, and was struck by a comment made by Senator Al Gore stating that he felt that President Bush owed Bill Clinton an apology for saying that he (Bill Clinton) was wrong to protest the war in Vietnam.

I believe that it is Bill Clinton who needs to make the following apologies:

First, to the people of the United States, for participating in protests on a foreign land where the American flag was burned and spat upon.

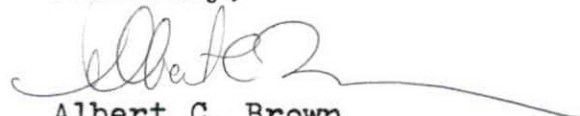
Second, to the people of South Vietnam and Cambodia who died by the millions when the U.S. Forces withdrew from that region, thanks to the efforts of Bill Clinton.

Finally, to those 50,000 names of men and women that are etched on the wall of the Vietnam memorial, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

As a soldier in the U.S. Army, who earned the Bronze Star in Desert Storm, I don't feel that Bill Clinton has earned the right to be our Commander in Chief.

If possible please communicate my sentiments to the president before his next debate.

Sincerely,


Albert C. Brown
Captain
United States Army

P.S. "Youthful indiscretion" is one thing, but Bill Clinton was a grown, educated man at the time.

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October 12, 1992

Mr. James A. Baker, III, Whitehouse Chief of Staff
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Washington, D. C. 20500

Ref: Republican Presidential Campaign 1992

Dear Sir:

In all the speeches so far, I have not heard one (1) word about the "Notch Babies". I am sure that most in government in Washington are familiar with the term. In order to refresh your memory, this program was set up during one (1) of the last democratic administrations to shore up the social security programs. It affected all people born between 1916 and 1926. The result was, these people receive only half as much in social security payments as those born before 1916 and after 1926. This is gross discrimination against this age group, and we have the democrats to thank for it! The age group affected are the very Americans that fought World War II. It was a hell of a way to thank these veterans!

A bill to correct this discrimination has been bottled up in committee where it has probably died. The same people up there who have denied the worker the payments, have voted themselves healthy pay raises over the period of time that this discrimination has been in effect. Talk about fairness! Whats fair about this?

There must be some way that President Bush can rectify this injustice and pump more money into the economy.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Johnson Jr.

Robert A. Johnson, Jr.
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*P.S. I guess the theory
is that after this age
group dies off the problem
will go away.*

RAJ:jj

Jim Baker,

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Clinton is beating Bush all over the Country with a simple Slogan called "Change" stolen from Perot's 1st attempt.

You do not have a slogan, I was Jimmy Hoffa + Frank Fitzsimmons political planner and adviser. Never lost an election, either National or Local. You don't have time on your side but you need a slogan to combat "Change." like

"Why would a sensible American go from bad to worse for the sake of Change?"

"When you look at the Alternative Change becomes a very small word."

Even the dumbest person would not vote to go from a poor economy to a worse economy for the sake of saying I voted for Change.

There could be hundreds more, but you need to get one and wear it out.

Thanks
Ken Silvers



From The Sunshine State

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October 9, 1992

TO: Mr. Michael Boskin
Council of Economic Advisers

Dear Sir,

My purpose in writing this letter is to call your attention to an article written in 1935 that could very well explain today's economic slowdown. It could also provide important support for President Bush's re-election bid, and it could rebut democrat charges that all our problems are due to Bush and Reagan.

The enclosed article was written by Leonard P. Ayres of The Cleveland Trust Company. His opening statement reads as follows:

"This is the sixth year of this depression, but it is the 22nd year of the causes of the depression, for this most serious of modern periods of hard times has its roots in the World War, and so its true origins reach back into 1914...."

In a later section, he continues as follows:

"Great wars (or expansionary fiscal/monetary policies--my addition) appear to produce regular sequences of economic results which we may identify as,

- 1) commodity price inflation
- 2) farm-prosperity and farm land speculation
- 3) price deflation and short primary post-war depression.
- 4) a period of city prosperity
- 5) secondary price deflation and a long secondary post-war depression.

In our situation, the cycle probably started during LBJ's great society. However, the pattern really fits the cycle of events that began with Jimmy Carter. Observe the 1970's commodity and farm land speculation, the early 1980's farm bust, the subsequent yuppie boom, and the current slowdown.

At the very least, this should protect the principles of economic liberty that Ronald Reagan helped usher in.

Respectfully,

Brian Kreitzberg
14669 S. Doris
Lake Oswego, Or. 97035

Jim - This is very important.
I believe it provides an important
& defensible explanation of our
economic difficulties. This will
exonerate both Pres. Bush and Reagan.
USE IT!! B-K

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WBN

suggestions

STRONGLY SUGGEST THE PRESIDENT MAKE THE POINT THAT CLINTON AND GORE HAVE NEVER HELD A JOB OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT. ALL THEIR PAYROLLS HAVE BEEN FROM ENTITIES SUPPORTED BY THE TAXPAYERS, WHEREAS THE PRESIDENT WAS A SUCCESSFUL PRIVATE ENTREPRENEUR FOR MANY, MANY YEARS BEFORE JOINING THE GOVERNMENT. ALSO, I AM APPALLED AT HOW THE PRESIDENT SEEMS TO BE ACTING AS A PUNCHING BAG FOR CLINTON. WHEN DO WE START TO FIGHT ON THE ECONOMIC ISSUES?

SINCERELY,
MERRILL BUTLER

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NPN suggestions

PLEASE, PLEASE, A MEDIA BLITZ ON ALL STATIONS AND CHANNELS EVERY 15 MINUTES ON THE HOUR 24 HOURS A DAY FOR THE NEXT 17 DAYS. TELL OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S WONDERFULL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 46 DEMOCRACIES, BERLIN WALL, DESERT STORM, LOW INTEREST, LOW INFLATION, NEAR RECOVERY/YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE. TELL ALL.....

ALL BY PRESIDENT BUSH IN PERSON EXAMPLE/SECOND DEBATE/LADY ASKED PRESIDENT BUSH "HAS THE ECONOMY RECESSION AFFECTED YOU". REPLY BY PRESIDENT BUSH COULD HAVE BEEN "HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN MY POSITION ? I'VE GOT THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND WORLD ON MY MIND AND I'M SYMPATHETIC AND WORKING INTENSELY FOR ALL CONDITIONS TO BE IMPROVED FOR EVERYONE".

PRESS ON NOTHING IN THE WORLD CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF PERSISTENCE. TALENT WILL NOT; NOTHING IS MORE COMMON THEN UNSUCCESSFUL MEN WITH TALENT. GENIUSES WILL NOT; UNREWARDED GENIUS IS ALMOST A PROVERB. EDUCATION WILL NOT; THE WORLD IS FULL OF EDUCATED DERELICTS. PERSISTENCE AND DETERMINATION ALONE ARE OMNIPOTENT.

SINCERELY,

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* WST. BUSH SUGGESTED THAT I SEND THIS DIRECTLY TO
PRESIDENT BUSH AND MR. BAKER.

WST

Dear Sir:

I feel that the concept of an 'Office of the Presidency' where-in the President would concentrate on international affairs, Mr. Baker (or someone else equally qualified) domestic issues, and vice President Quayle would function in his regular capacity, would make a great deal of difference in the election.

An ever increasing number of people believe that there is too much for one man to handle in todays complex internationally involved and dependent economy. The same is true of domestic problems. Large corporations need two to three top executives to function in an optimum manner. The difference in the above structuring and the traditional staff/cabinet method would be in the deligated responsibility/authority level of executive team members. And it would have to be real and believable. Of course the President would have ultimate responsibility and command in all matters.

I honestly believe that, while President Bush is beyond question the best man for the job, it might take something like this to polarize the voters in sufficient numbers for a victory.

Sincerely,

John Reno

John Reno.

VIEWPOINT

WEST COUNTY

Letter To The Editor 'Post War Recession'

In all my recollection I can never remember a presidential election filled with as much worthless, useless campaign rhetoric as this one. The issue could not be how to spell potato, who's a draft dodger, who's a life, or who's pro-choice, the real issues are ... Are we in a depression? How did we get to it? How do we get out of it? The answer to the first question is hell yes, we are in a depression!

The answer to the second one is the biggest, most obvious and yet the most overlooked reason ever. It took us 53 years to get over this one, and it will take years of strong, knowledgeable, experienced leadership to get us out.

Since 1939, this country has been the biggest continual military economy in the history of the world.

Since our original full mobilization for World War II in 1939, we have been at full alert preparing for and avoiding World War III. No war has ever cost the total number of lives, world wide, as the great struggle to survive Soviet domina-

tion.

This was a waste of money cost over 200 million lives and cost our country tens and billions of dollars. It was conducted under 10 presidents. It took the Reagan-Eagan-Bush-Quayle administration taking it to its final and terrible conclusion.

It's absolutely amazing to me that only George Bush knows, or has alluded to the fact, that we are in a Post War Recession. A recession caused by the biggest, most devastating war in the history of the world. It is important, before, that while we enter its post war economic redirection era, that this country do not risk the stability of our economic system, even sick as it is by a major change in leadership. At this time George Bush successfully led us through a vicious conclusion of our struggle against the threat world-wide communism, and he led us through these trying times of economic stress and strain.

George Bush has experienced enough to know where the barriers to quick employment and

re-employment are and how to overcome them. Fortunately, George Bush is a successful business man, and can lead our great industrial machine into the peace time manufacturing and employment giant it can become.

George Bush has guided our ship through turbulent waters before, please let's not switch the captain of our ship during our Economic "Hurricane Andrew."

It's important that the "Captain of our ship," George Bush, know every vital crew member, their work description, their "team obligation" and the ultimate course we must take.

This is not the time to switch leaders and sacrifice experience, knowledge and continuity for inexperience and lack of team familiarity. This is a time for every American, of every race, color and creed to rally behind the government that has just won the greatest battle (the Cold War) in the history of the world. Elect George Bush.

Tom Shaw
Chesterfield



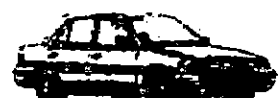
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LOU FUSZ





Oct 16, 1992

Mr. James Baker
Chief of Staff
White House

suggestive

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The attached mess was written
before Thurs. night's debate.

Page 1 - Plan to help get a lot of
voters on the right side.

Page 2 - Some ideas which I
had intended to retype - Ran
out of time.

Sincerely,

Jean Essary

15115 Hastings Dr.

Dalton, Illinois

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WHAT: Get Banks and S&I's to increase SAVER's rates. ~~XXX~~

WHEN: NOW:

WHY:

HOW - Start w/ Bully Pulch
Favorably hits pocket books of thousands of VOTERS who are SAVERS. ~~Ex~~ In every State in the ~~XXXX~~ USA, Fla, Ill Calif, Mich, Tex, etc.

refinancing of mortgages
BORROWERS for ~~XXXX~~ new homes and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ have been helped considerably.

Now is the time to level the playing field.
SAVING creates CAPITAL.

Refer to two attached articles:

a. Chgo Trib (Aug 92) Banks not passing/ ^{their} Fed Reserve decreases down to SAVERS.

b. US News & Wrld Rept (Oct ~~xx~~ 19, 92)
Recognizes problem of fixed income SAVERS.
However their solution only applies to homeowners ~~xx~~
i.e. use reverse mortgages.
Does not consider plight of renters, ~~xxxxxx~~ persons in retired communities nor those living in relatives homes.

OSMOSIS
~~OSMOSIS~~ -- Economics from the bottom up'..

A CHANGE ~~xxx~~ From Supply side (Not necessarily a rejection of Reagan's policy) ~~the~~ *It was alright until*

the banks down stopped the trickles, do banks really want more group control?
If there are 25 Economists, there will be 25 different opinions. THEORIES

~~DO NOT WIN ONE FOR THE "SILVER" PROTEGE~~
TODAY OCT/15. S.S. announced 3% cost of living increase
~~3% on Savings w/ more 2%~~



When bad things happen to good interest rates. People on fixed incomes suffer.



**John
McCarron**
Financial editor

Cuts by the bank not for the bank

Last week's big financial news arrived at our house not by newspaper, but in a letter from Citicorp Federal Savings Bank.

"Dear Savings Customer," it began.

If your bank has sent you one of these, you know the rest. If not, allow me to quote:

"As a result of the recent action taken by the Federal Reserve, virtually all banks have decreased the interest rates paid on deposit accounts."

"Effective Aug. 20, Citibank is changing the interest rate it pays on day-to-day capitalized savings accounts to 2.68 percent annually, compounded daily for an effective annual yield of 2.75 percent ..."

"Sincerely, William T. Atwell, president."

"Please note: future notifications of interest rate changes via mail will be discontinued."

So there it was. The McCarron family had been drafted into Alan Greenspan's war on economic stagnation. No need to plant a Victory Garden or put the mini-van up on blocks. We'll do our bit by accepting Eisenhower-era interest rates on the family fortune, such as it is. Put a star in the window. We're minding the home front.

But how about Citibank? Or for that matter, the rest of America's commercial banks? What are they doing out there on the economy's front lines to advance the cause of recovery?

Naturally, we assumed that the banks also were marching to the beat of Gen. Greenspan's drum. We assumed they were spreading the benefits of lower interest rates to the rest of the economy, making bargain-rate loans to businesses so they could expand and put people back to work.

We assumed too much.

Turns out the banks—or a lot of them, anyway—are using the lower cost of money to beef up their bottom lines. They're taking our short-term deposits and buying mid- and long-term government bonds. Why pay loan officers to evaluate somebody's business plan, their reasoning goes, when you can make almost as much—at far less risk—by riding the 3 percent spread between deposits and Treasury bonds?

The extent of this practice was outlined in last Monday's issue of *American Banker*, a daily trade publication out of New York.

Its lead story began:

"For the first time in 27 years, banks have more government securities on their books than business loans."

The article goes on to note that the value of bank loans to business has fallen below \$599 billion, while holdings of U.S. government securities have soared above \$607 billion. In the last two years, experts say, more than \$70 billion in bank assets have been shifted from commercial loans to high-grade paper.

"Banks are helping the government fund the national deficit," the article went on, "but they are doing little to fuel the engines of economic

LOW RATES, LOW INCOME

Low interest rates are great for borrowers—but painful for older people on a fixed income. Here's how to get out of the low-interest rut, with a possible boost from the equity in your home

Some 20 million Americans over age 65 have watched the return on their savings shrink with alarming speed. Because the Federal Reserve has lowered interest rates in an attempt to kick-start the economy, six-month bank certificates of deposit, a popular investment with this age group, are yielding an annual 2.8 percent, down from 5.2 percent a year ago and from 7.4 percent just two years ago. Last month, yields on taxable money market funds fell below 3 percent for the first time since 1975, down from nearly 9 percent in 1989. Someone with \$100,000 in money market funds would have seen yearly income slashed by about \$6,000. That hurts.

"I'm in a daze about what to do," says New Yorker Gertrude Goldstein, a 74-year-old widow and retired payroll administrator. "I keep rolling over my CDs and Treasury notes and bills and getting

less and less each time." For older people squeezed between falling interest income and rising expenses, the hunt for yield is on. It will take on new desperation this month as some \$150 billion in certificates of deposit mature, and brokers smell opportunity. "You can drown in financial seminars at senior centers right now," says Craig Hoogstra, director of financial services at the American Association of Retired Persons.

Older investors understandably want both higher yields and the safety of a short-term CD in one package. That's unrealistic. Any investment with a yield higher than a CD or a money fund must have higher risk—which may be worth taking in order to boost income and stay ahead of inflation's hungry maw.

Concentrating funds in one higher-yielding investment multiplies the risk unnecessarily. Almost every higher-

yielding alternative to CDs would be hurt if interest rates rise across the board, since their prices would simply fall until their yield is in line with the higher rates. A rate rise well may happen over the next year or so if the economy recovers.

Today's conservative, yield-conscious investor might keep 60 to 70 percent of assets in cash equivalents—short-term CDs and money market funds. If interest rates rise, returns will automatically follow, with no need to take action. To boost both current income and long-term returns, the remaining assets can be divided among three to five higher-yielding alternatives with different risk profiles. Pursuing yield even with a relatively small part of a portfolio can give a healthy boost to total yield. Here's a run-down of investment candidates:

Short-term corporate bond funds. The longer a bond's maturity, the higher the



The faces of doomsday

Believers in biblical prophecy, says historian Paul Boyer, see the Antichrist in everything from Social Security cards to computers

What are the roots of prophecy belief?

Belief in biblical prophecy flourished in 17th-century England, where it had such adherents as Isaac Newton and John Milton. But the direct antecedent of modern American prophecy belief rests in early 19th-century England and the rise of premillennialism—the belief that Jesus Christ will return to Earth after a period of terrible crisis and establish a kingdom for 1,000 years, after which will come the Last Judgment and the end of history as we know it. This belief, which has its roots in the Books of Ezekiel and Daniel in the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament, spread to America and attracted a huge following. In fact, America is probably the greatest stronghold of prophecy belief. Even President Reagan professed to believe that at the end times the Soviet Union would invade Israel. This is based on a chapter in the Book of Ezekiel that refers to an invasion of Israel from the north.

Just how popular is this way of thinking?

Public opinion data indicate that from 40 to 60 percent of Americans pay some attention to prophecy belief. It is, for example, very pervasive in the Southern Baptist tradition. Some people spend enormous amounts of time trying to figure out prophecies, while millions of others simply feel that prophecies tell them something worthwhile. It is a strand of thought that has been neglected by scholars even though it shapes many people's attitudes toward the modern world. Its appeal rests in part on the fact that it is a theology of the people. You don't have to trust authorities or be highly educated to grasp it. Specific events have also played a significant role in popularizing it. After World War II, the atomic bomb and fears of nuclear war and global destruction were linked by prophecy writers to passages in the Bible. Re-establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 was also important because of a long tradition of prophecy interpretation that the end would come only after the return of the Jews to Israel. Many writers also saw meaning in the rise of the European Common Market. They tied this to a line of prophecy interpretation that holds that in the end days, a demonic figure called the Antichrist will arise in the former Roman Empire and eventually control the world. There is supposed to be a terrible battle—Armageddon—between the Antichrist and his forces and the armies of Jesus

Christ returning to Earth. The Antichrist will be defeated, and Christ will establish his kingdom. Some writers saw the Common Market as a forerunner of the Antichrist. Still other prophecy writing is full of apprehension about the rise of the global electronic economy. A passage in the Book of Revelation discusses the rise of the Antichrist and says that no one will be permitted to buy or sell unless he has the number 666 on his forehead or right hand. Writers see a link between the passage and development of credit cards, Social Security numbers and a computerized economy.



With a bang. Did the Bible prophesy nuclear disaster?

What is the impact of prophecy belief on the culture?

Prophecy believers tend to see a basically sinister pattern in the modern world. They are given to conspiracy thinking and suspicion of the status quo. Today, we're seeing a tremendous anti-incumbency mood, and while I'm not saying this is all attributable to prophecy belief, it is clear that to prophecy believers the power structure is basically evil.

Do prophecy writers have a knack for adapting their doctrine to changed circumstances?

An examination of prophecy interpretations from centuries past shows that they are cast in terms that are suitable for the times. Once, the Ottoman Empire was thought to be the power from the north that would invade Israel.

But with that empire's collapse, prophecy writers switched to the Soviet Union as the invading force. Now, with the end of the cold war, the importance of the former Soviet Union will fade, and themes such as the European Community and the computer economy will get a lot of play. I also have noticed that recent prophecy writing increasingly emphasizes the environment. Writers point out that in the Book of Revelation, the sun grows as black as sackcloth and becomes searingly hot, the moon takes on a bloody cast and oceans and rivers become "as the blood of a dead man," killing all sea creatures and poisoning the world's water supply. These prophecies are now being interpreted in terms of global warming, the ozone layer and environmental pollution. It's the latest example of the amazing adaptability of this belief system, which has been around in various forms for 2,000 years. It supplies a sense of order for millions by suggesting that history isn't just random events signifying nothing, that it has a beginning and an end. ■

CONVERSATION WITH ALVIN P. SANOFF

"WHEN TIME SHALL BE NO MORE" BY PAUL BOYER. HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS. \$29.95

INFRASTRUCTURE:

How much Fed money has been given (invested??) in cities the past 4 yrs, in Chgo, L. A. Det., Houston, etc?

Chgo - Have Senate candidate Richardson's picture taken standing on the major expressway improvements in and around Chgo--the Kennedy, Dan Ryan, Calumet (~~xxxx~~ bridge's width being expanded. Also near the ~~xxxx~~ site of the Chgo flood disaster--Fed money was offered very quickly.

SCHOOLS

Chgo's have been mired in ^a top heavy bureaucracy for 40 years. The reduction in Fed and State aid has been a blessing as it caused Chgo to cut admin funds and personnel and return school admin. to local elected councils which include parents.

DRUGS-CRIME

for

Take CREDIT ~~FOR~~ Fed accomplishments reference money given, fed undercover work and raids.

Chgo's Mayor wants to know what the Fed Govt is doing about Drugs. Tell him. Ask what his administration has done about it. He says Clinton will pay for 1000 more policemen.

~~XXXXXXXX~~

CONGRESS

How would Republican Senate candidtaes revise Senate Rule/ref:

Seniority ~~xxxx~~ system for committee heads.

Overseas junkets with families.

Lobbying controls.

Stalling on Legislation until month before quitting time.

They should speak out on it now, not after election.

QUESTIONS: Ask some, for ex:

1. What happened to the philosophy, "Don't Ask What Your Country Can Do For You ~~xxxx~~--But What Can You Do For Your Country?"

Don't answer it, Just keep asking it

2. Do we need ~~and~~ want someone who can make a command decision--an unequivocal decision?

Select ⁴ point of Light person from each state and publish what each did. one of them did ~~without~~ Fed money)

NEXT YEAR

Acknowledge ^{several} problems that will be addressed next year. ^{Don't give} detailed solutions

Ex: Propose an Urban program similar to the 4-H farm program/ for High School Students related to working and living in the city environment.--not a CCC program because they have to return to a city to live.

JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS - ENCOURAGING
BIG & SMALL BUSINESSES to set up programs
Fed. job employment ctr in large Urban Chgo.
as a NEW CONGRESS s/he ~~should~~ be heard ~~on any~~
and their ideas ~~heard~~ heard on specific
Programs
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suggestions

Oct. 15, 1992

Hon. James Baker, Chmn.
Bush Presidential Campaign
The White House

VPW

Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am impressed in how President Bush has been attempting to defend himself against the present economic downturn in the country, rather than running on the positive accomplishments of the past 12 years of the Reagan-Bush administration. President Bush made a brief comment about the improvement in the "misery index" since the end of the last Democrat President and Democrat Congress tenure in office in the first debate. Most of the voters don't know what the "misery index" is.

I would ask, "What was the inflation rate when Reagan/Bush came to office? What is it today?

What was the prime interest rate then and now?

What was the unemployment rate then and now?

How many jobs were created in the four years of the last Democrat rein as compared to the 12 years of the Republican administration? And on and on.

Point out that the longest peacetime period of prosperity has occurred in the past 12 years and that a cyclical downturn was way overdue.

In international matters, what was the condition of U.S. armed services after cuts made during the Democratic administration and how it impaired our ability to control Soviet adverse influence around the world? Where would we be in nuclear armament controls which were obtained through strength. What would be the situation in the Middle-East today if President Bush had not cajoled Congress to deploy troops in cooperation with the U.N? What would be the price of petroleum, with Hussein in Kuwait, blackmailing Saudia Arabia nad in posession of nuclear arms?

In his Thursday debate he made some reference to these problems, but the emphasis needs to be placed upon what it is likely to be if the Democrats again control both branches of government. You're keeping the Republican administration's light under a "Bushelbasket". Point out the role that the President has taken in holding the "tax and spend" Congress under control by enumerating the vetoes and threats of vetoes during his administration. It takes a Republican to keep the Democrat foxes out of the "taxhouse".

The commentators keep talking about a lack of focus in the Bush campaign. Focus on what's been achieved and what the citizens got when they voted for a change and put the Democrats in charge.

Sincerely,

Time is running out!

Vern Seguin

DARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Dan Gray, Chairman

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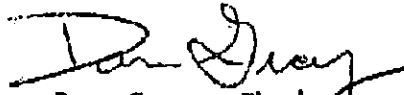
October 15, 1992

The Honorable James Baker
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

Attached you will find the result of another broken promise by Department of Interior, this one to issue conditional permits for the Oregon Inlet jetty project by today. Needless to say, no permits have been issued. As you see, the people President Bush has put in charge of the Department of Interior have created a total lack of trust with Interior and with the Administration. I fear that people are leaving our camp, and searching for some alternative that will produce more than a string of broken promises.

Sincerely,



Dan Gray, Chairman
Dare County Republican Party



COUNTY OF DARE
MANTEO, NORTH CAROLINA 27954

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October 15, 1992

MEMORANDUM

TO: DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DARE COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: HARRY SCHIFFMAN, CHAIRMAN, OIWC *HS*

RE: CONTACTS FOR SUPPORT OF OREGON INLET PROJECT

Attached is a letter and fact sheet we provided yesterday afternoon to the Ross Perot campaign. As you know, we have centered our efforts to date on working with the current Administration in Washington and our elected representatives, both federal and state. Candidates for state and federal office, both Democrat and Republican, have expressed support for Oregon Inlet, but action has been lacking. We are now soliciting support and action from Mr. Perot as an Independent candidate, in addition to continuing to call for action from our current elected officials.

We will continue to keep you posted about our efforts.

LAND OF BEGINNINGS



COUNTY OF DARE

MANTEO, NORTH CAROLINA 27954

October 14, 1992

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URGENT MESSAGE

TO: ROSS PEROT

FROM: HARRY SCHIFFMAN, CHAIRMAN
DARE COUNTY OREGON INLET AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Your assessment of the failure of our nation's past and current methods of doing business is in harmony with the thoughts and concerns of many, many Americans.

Attached is a brief fact sheet about a well-documented, specific, prime example of what you have been discussing. Congress authorized this specific economic development project in 1970. Since then, no Administration has taken the decisive action necessary to get this project done. Administrations from both parties over the last 20 years have stymied economic growth as well as both corporate and private investment by their refusal to act decisively. As a result, this project is a prime example of the general failure to support common-sense economic development. I am sure this project is not the only example, but the smothering of it by the bureaucracy is extremely well-documented.

Once again, we have been promised by the present Administration that the project will receive an official action Thursday, October 15, which will in fact allow construction on the adjacent federal properties.

If you desire a personal briefing concerning this project prior to your debate, please contact me at 1-919-473-3405 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, October 16. Please do not use this information without first checking with me on Friday as concerns any action they may have taken, which is highly unlikely.

I look forward to hearing from you.

LAND OF BEGINNINGS

PROJECT TO STABILIZE OREGON INLET, NC, WITH JETTIES

- * Authorized by Congress in December, 1970; design studies, EIS, and economic studies completed by mid-1970's
- * Jetties would be anchored on lands owned and managed by Department of Interior
- * Although an economic development project, it serves additionally (and perhaps equally importantly) as a beach nourishment project via state of the art sand bypassing, which will preserve federal park lands that have been in the past and continue to be subject to catastrophic erosion
- * Interior reversed earlier, documented strong support, and refused to issue "Special Use Permits" in early 1980's; regulations requiring use permits were adopted following the authorization of the project but have been applied retroactively to stop construction
- * The delays have resulted in an eight-fold increase in project costs since 1970, and more than \$125 MILLION has been spent that would have been unnecessary with project construction
- * The project will still produce more than \$2 in national benefits for every federal dollar invested, NOT COUNTING THE CREATION OF HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS
- * Since the early 1980's, every Administration's answer has been to call for updated studies, both economic and environmental -- more than 100 documented studies to date
- * In 1990, Interior Sec. Lujan asked for a joint Task Force to study the project again and promised a decision within six months. That study was transmitted to Interior and Army on Dec. 31, 1991. Sec. Lujan then promised a firm decision in March, 1992. In March, he called for more studies.
- * Since March, neither Interior nor Army has taken a position on their own Task Force study, thereby delaying completion of another round of environmental documents
- * No one in any Administration has shown the will to take definite action, out through the web of increasing bureaucratic "review," and see that this project is constructed
- * We believe this project is a prime example of current government non-function, flagrant waste of money through unnecessary delays, and creation of dis-incentives for economic growth

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Mrs. Excell Marshall
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October 8, 1992

Mr. James Baker
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Baker;

I wish the President would stop using the excuse that he was tricked by Congress into betraying his solemn by signing the tax increase. This doesn't speak very well of his intelligence, to be had into something, so he should just keep quiet on that - it really makes it sound worse for him. He could correct that terrible act by, just repealing it, and he can do it, because two judges have said so, since it become a fraud, so, if he is really concerned with what he did and felt he was "tricked", why doesn't he repeal it? I'd surely like to know. There has been bill after bill that is supposed to balance the budget - get rid of the deficit, and lower taxes and it has just grown worse each time. Now, just a simple yes or no answer please, no double talk. Mr. President, if you are re-elected will you submit a balanced budget to Congress and veto any unbalanced budget that reaches your desk? I would ask Clinton this same question is I knew how to reach him. Mainly, I'm wondering about our President's response, because if he would and could convince the public that he is sincere, and one way would be to repeal the last tax hike - then he would be "in".

Mrs. Excell Marshall

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pug gets in
puppet

October 9, 1992

Mr. James Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

One week ago today, I sent a letter to the editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*. It was too lengthy for them to consider seriously even if they had been willing to give voice to the opposition. The letter started with a short scenario under which the European Community might begin by occupying Gdansk and the Baltics, and then use the combined strength of Germany, France, and the other EC nations to threaten Russia -- in spite of President Clinton's reinstatement of the draft. I know that this opening portion of the letter can't be used but it went on to make a several points that might be helpful to your team of strategists and wordsmiths. A portion of the letter read:

"As Candidate Clinton has pointed out, every American president for the last half-century has had to make decisions involving military commitments, decisions involving life and death for America's soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. Does Governor Clinton have the experience to make those decisions? Does he have the seasoning, the level of wisdom, of his opponent? Can he see the threats as clearly and act to head them off as decisively? He won't be acting alone, of course. He will have advisors, most of whom would have had us still "containing" Iraq while our half-million demoralized troops trained in the desert, and our military communities and some entire states endured an ever-expanding depression. But regardless of advisors, final decisions ultimately must be made by a single person. Has Governor Clinton in any way earned the right to make those calls? As General Schwarzkopf asks, does he have the moral authority to legally compel others to serve, and perhaps to die? How will he respond to those who disagree with his call and resist serving in his war? How will we Americans respond to his prosecution of those who resist?

Given that Bill Clinton is an uncommon leader who has already impressed a major segment of the American population, would he be more experienced, more tested, and better able to lead our nation and the world in eight years, when he's 54, not 46? Remember, the only president we've elected in the last fifty years who was not yet 50 years

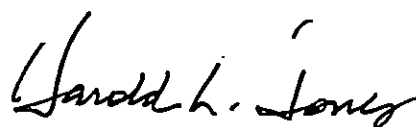
old launched the Bay of Pigs invasion by splitting the differences between his competing advisors -- sending in an invading force, but without any air or naval support -- and he took us to within a single blink of a nuclear World War III when his resolve was mis-read by our enemies. Remember too that he also sent thousands of Americans (including me) to Vietnam, and he sent us all, including Bill Clinton, down that disasterous road.

Are we condemned to repeat our mistakes, or can we learn from them? History would be very different if Jack Kennedy had been nominated and elected when he was eight years wiser, more patient and personally controlled, and less vulnerable to the tests that are inevitably presented to a new American president by wary, cunning, and sometimes scheming foreign leaders -- and by powerful special interests in this country. A 51-year-old, wiser John Fitzgerald Kennedy would not have been as likely to admit in his first State of the Union address that he was ". . . *staggered upon learning, even in this [first] ten day period, the harsh enormity of the trials through which we must pass in the next four years. Each day the crises multiply. Each day their solution becomes more difficult.*" And when he was elected, remember that President Kennedy was highly intelligent, had earned a cum laude Harvard degree and a Pulitzer Prize. He had served in the Navy as an enlisted man and an officer, and he had seen good men die in combat and been seriously wounded himself. He also had twelve years of Washington-insider and congressional experience, and had served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for three years -- and still he was "*staggered.*"

Has our world changed so much and the dangers diminished to such an extent that twelve years in Little Rock as the Governor of Arkansas can now qualify even an exceptional leader like Bill Clinton to become President of the United States of America, leader of the world's only current super-power?"

I am sure that you have thousands of suggestions pouring in from all over the world, and I understand that it is quite likely that this letter will not be read in time to be considered -- but that doesn't stop me from sending it, and from trying to help you and President Bush, in a very small way, to win this most important election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold L. Jones". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harold" and last name "Jones" being the most prominent parts.

Harold L. Jones

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abortion

October 9, 1992

Mr. James Baker
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20000

Dear Mr. Baker:

Your candidate, President Bush, is not going to get my vote. This is extremely upsetting to me as he is the best candidate for President and should be President. Four years ago I voted for Mr. Bush and was delighted he became President. I was not aware of his ambition to demolish Roe VS Wade. I was not aware he was dedicated to taking away my basic freedom of choice regarding abortion.

Just yesterday a representative of the Republican party was asked on CSPAN how Mr. Bush was doing with the women's vote. Same as last year was the response. NOT. This same representative said women were not effected by the Hill/Thomas hearings. NOT. Your advice and poll takings on this issue are dead wrong.

I am white, 50 years old, married, with two grown children. Since I cannot ever be pregnant again, I am voting for all present and future generations of women who can be pregnant. You still have time to secure my vote and the millions of women and men like me. I am not in favor of abortion but cannot allow Mr. Bush to take this right away. To safeguard this right I will vote for the candidate who guarantees this freedom. I hope you understand fully the huge significance of this decision.

Sincerely,



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CC: Barbara Bush

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HONORABLE JAMES BAKER
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WASHINGTON, DC 20500

Dear Honorable Baker:

Time is short. It is about time to take dramatic and courageous action to show the best qualities of the President in contrast with the always hedging, wavering personality of Mr. Clinton.

If possible, President Bush should seek an opportunity to exercise "the item veto power" claimed but never exercised by some past Presidents and the "constitutionality" of such "implied presidential power" was never tested in the Supreme Court..

If the President can judiciously choose certain legislation rushed through the Congress in the last days of the current session, it would demonstrate the "character" and "strong leadership qualities" of the President to the world. The said legislation to be item-vetoed should be chosen to show the inherent "tax-and-spend" nature of the Democrat leadership in and out of the present Congress.

By exercising this power properly and aggressively at this time will shock the American public on the eve of the election. (Please do not use the "pocket veto power" at this time. It would be considered or twisted by the liberals as cowardly). This dramatic use of presidential power will enhance the chances for the reelection of the President.

This bold use of presidential power could be announced in one of the debates which will take Mr. Clinton by surprise and his "slick" nature of not-taking sides or taking both sides of any given issue will be revealed for all to see on the spot. It is possible that the pundits, politicians, and scholars or constitutional "authorities" will talk about, for, against or around this shrewd use of presidential power and leadership for the rest of the campaign and a new page of history in constitutional law and politics will have been made.

I hope that you would have this idea under careful consideration. This will put Mr. Clinton on the defensive and he will be a "loser" whichever position he takes. If he is against the presidential use of item veto power, he will be charged for raising taxes and for "eroding" the presidential power. If he is for, he will be "welcomed" to the side of the President and he will be surely blamed or deserted by his liberal friends everywhere.

Good Luck! Good Hunting!

Sincerely Yours,

Shia-ling & Lilgon Lin

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10/10/92

Mr Jim Baker
White House Chief of Staff

Dear Mr Baker:

Regarding Clinton: -

If you have not done so already, why not send some investigators to England to question some of Clinton's class-mates, - Room-mates, etc at Oxford about his anti Vietnam War activities?

No doubt you know Cecil Rhodes started the Anglo - One World action and that part of it was the Rhodes Scholarships to train appropriate young men in One-World thinking, thus making them consider their own country only a state in a One-World Government. This hardly develops loyalty to one's nation - or any patriotism.

Sincerely yours,
William B. Nash

JAMES BAKER
THE WISE NOUSE

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RE: RE-ELECTION OF
DIXON

MOR. BAKER:

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TODAY LAST FRIDAY - EXCELLENT LISTING
OF THE EVASION BY CLINTON.

WOULD A TV COMMERCIAL WITH
THESE —

1. REPLAY OF HIS STATEMENT IN PAUL
DONAHUE IN WHICH HE DENIED
"ANYTHING TO DO WITH VIETNAM MORATORIUM
COMMITTEE"
2. THEN A PICTURE OF HIS LETTER TO
COL NONES AND SOMEONE READING
IT.
3. HIS STATEMENT THAT HE NEVER
RECEIVED A DRAFT DEFERMENT
4. THEN HIS STATEMENT ADMITTING
THAT HE DID
5. HIS STATEMENT THAT HE NEVER
RECEIVED A DRAFT NOTICE
6. THEN HIS ADMISSION THAT HE DID

~~PLEASE~~
PLEASE CONSIDER THIS SERIOUSLY.
IT COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dick STOTT
32 Prospect St
Norwich NY 13855

Clinton's candor is issue

OPPOSING VIEW A president must have the public's trust and confidence before he can lead effectively.

President Bush has not questioned Gov. Clinton's patriotism; he has questioned his *judgment* and *candor*. So do I.

George Bush has asked his opponent to "level with the American people . . . tell us the truth." What's so bad about that? Someone as glib and quick with statistics as Bill Clinton should find it easy to put to rest unanswered questions about his activities in 1969-70.

We have watched Clinton's story "evolve." First, on his draft status, he said he never received a draft deferment, but eventually admitted he did; he said he never received a draft notice, but eventually admitted he did; he said he never opposed the draft system, but eventually admitted he did; he said he received no unusual or special treatment, but now it is clear he did.

Likewise, he told Phil Donahue, "I didn't have anything to do with [the



By Gerald R. Ford, former president of the United States.

Vietnam Moratorium Committee]."

But in his now-infamous letter to Col. Holmes dated Dec. 3, 1969, he wrote, "After I left Arkansas last summer, I went to Washington to work in the national headquarters of the Moratorium, then to England to organize the Americans here for demonstrations." The president is right to question his candor.

Character and honesty matter. They matter in politics, and they matter in the White House — more than any issue paper or four-point program.

I served in the Congress during the administrations of presidents of both parties — with Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon — and supported their foreign policies. There is nothing wrong with honest dissent — or standing up for what you believe. But, as Sen. Arthur Vandenberg said, politics should stop at the water's edge.

My advice to Bill Clinton is to recognize that the truth will come out. There are parallels between the way that you handle crises in the campaign and the way that you behave in your presidency.

Our president must have the American people's trust and confidence before he can effectively lead. Gov. Clinton, don't patronize the voters by trying to change the subject. Do the right thing. Tell the truth to the American people.

hide a life in life

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Oct 7, 1992
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deficit
reduction
proposal

Mr. James Baker
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

The purpose of this letter is to offer a practical and effective way to reduce the deficit, without raising a single dollar in taxes.

More importantly, however, it would win votes, and, at the same time, deal a heavy blow to the opposition.

The proposal is basically simple. Establish a national lottery with a weekly or bi-weekly prize of one million dollars tax free to the winner or winners.

The timing could not be more propitious, considering the soft economy. Human nature being what it is, the prospect of one million dollars tax free would indeed attract the most devout moralist.

Most citizens are hoping for a painless way to reduce the deficit. Compared to

Perot's 50¢ per gallon tax on gasoline, it would be a guaranteed winner.

The primary objections would come from those state governments who currently have lotteries.

Consider the bombshell if the President were to announce this initiative during the debates, when asked what he proposes to do about reducing the deficit.

The first question asked will be what are the details. Simply put, a weekly or bi-weekly lottery, one dollar per ticket, winner to get, or share, one million dollars tax free in one lump sum.

The lottery would be established for, say, 5 years, and be renewable after that.

If carefully timed, it would be a blockbuster of an October surprise. All this really takes, Mr. Baker, is testicular fortitude.

Sincerely,
G. Henry Van Veen
G. HENRY VAN VEEN
Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)

P.S. Please excuse this informal form of correspondence as I am on vacation and traveling.

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October 10, 1992

*Health
Care
economy*

James Baker III
White House Chief of Staff
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear James Baker:-

I am suggesting a plan that can turn into our economy, that can give more money into the hands of retirees and all citizens. I would like to suggest a a one percent Health tax on everything, all services, food, clothing, doctor bills, Hospital bills and in short any transaction where money changes changes hands.

Retirees especially need more money. Of course business benefits and the tax rate can be changed when we see what is being taken in and can be varied up or down.

Funds collected would be handled by a separate Board. Social security taxes would have no deductions. Health care can be paid in full for all of our people either by an insurance plan purchased by our government or handled direct by the Health Board. Nothing is for free in this world and we could have the best Health plan in the world.



A small tax collected on all transactions every day will run into the Trillions. A NATIONALLY DISTRIBUTED SHEET TO ALL TAX PAYERS IN OUR COUNTRY CAN GET BUSH REELECTED. YOU ARE SHARP AND YOU CAN DO IT.

Sincerely Yours,
Livio B. Colosimo



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JIM McALEER
President

10/9/92

Dear Mr. Baker,

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Gulf War, and how well he has done
with our economy while the rest of the
world's economy is worse! Our business
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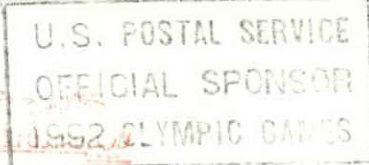


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Dear Mr Baker:

I'm sure that you are getting more advise than you can cope with - BUT PLEASE consider this ONE indisputable fact that is so significant and should ^{be} played up that portrays our president as a great leader.

We are sadly missing the boat when we don't emphasize the fact that unlike any preceding presidents in history has a president until this week - have a single veto over-riden.

35 times, a ^{very} adversarial, liberal, democratic congress has sustained his vetos. The ONE time he lost a veto and God knows he doesn't need the flock - it is very obvious he's standing on principle and courage. What better example of LEADERSHIP do we need. It's our ACE in the HOLE. They dignified ^{his judgement} ~~his~~ ^{95 times} ~~95~~ times.

I find I have a lot of concurring sentiment when I discuss this with folks and ~~we~~ shall be so dis-appointed if we don't capitalize on it. There is so little time left we do need the votes - don't we ???

We appreciate your consideration.

Good Luck & Kindest regards. Mrs Mrs Leroy Schroeder

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OCTOBER 9, 1992

*Economic
suggestions*

HONORABLE JAMES BAKER
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DEAR MR. BAKER,

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT REDUCED INTEREST RATES ARE NOT JUMP-STARTING THE ECONOMY. AS AN ALTERNATE, MY 33 YEARS IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY CONVINCED ME THAT THE ECONOMY WAS AT ITS BEST WHEN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY WAS FUNCTIONING WELL, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF ITS RELIANCE ON A MULTITUDE OF SUPPLIERS. YOU ARE IN A POSITION WHERE YOU MUST COUNTERACT BILL CLINTON'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSAL AND THE AUTO INDUSTRY IS SITTING THERE WITH CAPACITY AND WORKERS, AND NEEDS ONLY A CHANGE IN CONSUMER ATTITUDE TO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON JOBS. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL COULD ACHIEVE RESULTS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WITH A ONE YEAR PACKAGE BASED ON:

1. MAINTAIN PRESENT TAX RATES
2. RESTORE FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION FOR PAYMENT OF STATE SALES TAXES ON PURCHASE OF NEW AUTOS, 75% OF WHICH ARE MADE OF PARTS OR USE LABOR INTERNAL TO THE USA.
3. RESTORE FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON LOANS USED TO PURCHASE NEW AUTOS, AGAIN WITH THE 75% FORMULA AS ABOVE.
4. MAINTAIN AUTO MAKERS PRICING, REBATE AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS IN EFFECT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1992
5. MAINTAIN PRESENT AGREEMENTS RELATIVE TO VOLUMES OF AUTO IMPORTS
6. FORBID LABOR STRIKES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PROGRAM.
7. WIND-FALL PROFIT CONTROLS ON AUTO MAKERS

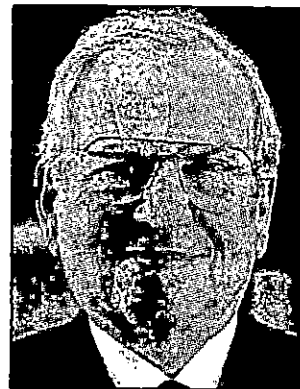
I HOPE YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT THIS WOULD BE DIFFERENT AND BOLD.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Frank A. Baumann
FRANK A. BAUMANN, JR.

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SAYS BUSH, REAGAN
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HAVE IGNORED U.S.
INDUSTRIAL BASE, AND
IT SHOWS. 4B.

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INVESTMENT
CHALLENGE WINNERS

By H. Darr Beiser, USA TODAY
LEE IACOCCA: Considered
Perot Cabinet post.

Marriott

NRN/10-9-92

Mr. Jim Baker:

The attached article by Bill Buckley
is possible fuel to be used against
Clinton. The American people
should be made aware of Clinton's
"squish factor."

Hope you can use this to our
best advantage.

Sincerely,
Herb Brough
745 Indian Trail
Arlington, IL 32541

Bush for '93



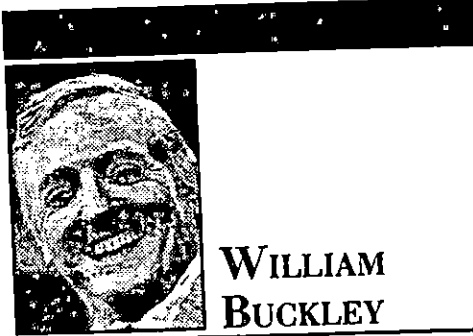
Clinton's character justifiably explored

William Bennett raises a nice point when he writes that a distinction should be made between the public and the private character of Bill Clinton. The "private" character has to do with whether or not he has lived scrupulously by his wedding vows; the public character has to do with whether he has deceived the American people.

Here is the paragraph in which former Secretary of Education William Bennett makes his point:

"Governor Clinton straddled the fence on the congressional vote to authorize the use of force in the Persian Gulf; equivocated on his support for the North American Free Trade Agreement; he flip-flopped on parental notification for teen-age abortions; backed away from his June endorsement of raising corporate average fuel-economy standards for automobiles; and reversed his support for school choice for public, private and religious schools. This kind of political opportunism has introduced into the campaign what Newsweek columnist Joe Klein aptly calls the 'squish factor.' Without compass and without anchor, Governor Clinton will surely be swept away by the eddies and currents of the radical powers of the Democratic Party: the education unions, the labor unions, the American Bar Association, the so-called civil rights establishment."

The derivative question legitimately arises: To what extent are the affiliations of Mrs. Clinton a part of the same question? Although we agree that the wife of a president ought to be free to live her own



private life, we ought also to be free to say that the private life some women would lead would incline us against making her the wife of a president.

Specifically, the campaign biography of Hillary Clinton doesn't reveal that she has been the principal officer of one of the most left-leaning foundations in America, the New World Foundation. Since 1986, the foundation has disbursed about \$2 million per year.

The recipients of these grants include the most powerful left-wing think-lobby in America, the Institute for Policy Studies. Another beneficiary has been the National Lawyers Guild which was for years a straight-out communist front organization.

The second most critical official of the New World Foundation is Adrian W. DeWind, who during the '70s was also a member of the Committee for Public Justice, an organization founded to attack the FBI in criticism of the FBI's concern over the Communist Party and the Black

Panther Party.

The list goes on, and it is fair to say that the organizations and their principals appear to have in common the advance of "economic democracy," which is their code word for socialism. The movement in which Mrs. Clinton has figured prominently wishes to activate the grass roots in America in such a way as to take over through the instrument of governments local and federal the economic enterprise.

Now it is perfectly possible that John and Jane who live happily ever after pull different levers when they go to the polling booth. But the question isn't whether Hillary is a tough leftist. It is: Has Candidate Clinton done his best to obscure her affiliations and her advocacy?

When Daniel Wattenberg reported that Hillary Clinton wanted to invest children with rights against their parents, Clinton spokesmen "corrected" these charges — Mrs. Clinton wanted such rights only in extreme cases, such as incest. But here is what she had written:

"Decisions about motherhood and abortion, schooling, cosmetic surgery, treatment of venereal disease, or employment, and others where the decision or lack of one will significantly affect the child's future, should not be made unilaterally by parents. Children should have a right to be permitted to decide their own future if they are competent."

Mr. Clinton's public character is justifiably under scrutiny.

William F. Buckley Jr. is a columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

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*Mr. James Baker
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October 19, 1992

James Baker, Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C, 20500

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Dear Sir:

You can still beat Slick Willie and Inspector Perot hands down by announcing tonight:

- (1) A BUSH-BAKER TICKET,
- (2) A REFUND FOR EVERY MEDICARE SUBSCRIBER BILKED INTO PAYING HIS OR HER OWN MEDICAL BILLS BY AN UNPRINCIPLED CONGRESS, AND
- (3) THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CSSG PLAN OUTLINED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS TRANSMISSION; THE PLAN THAT WILL CREATE A GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH THE SAME FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM THAT MADE THE UNITED STATES THE GREATEST NATION THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

Sincerely,

CSSG Headquarters
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By: P. S. Priest

CITIZENS FOR SELF-SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT

The only possible way the USA can avoid the coming economic collapse is for the U. S. Government to permanently invest some taxes regularly in free enterprise, and use the recurring cash dividends to help pay the cost of government and lower our taxes.

THE CSSG PLAN WILL CREATE JOBS, REKINDLE HOPE, AND END THE RECESSION OVERNIGHT BY REDUCING TAXES, EXPANDING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, AND INCREASING URGENTLY NEEDED FEDERAL REVENUES, IN THE MANNER DETAILED BELOW.

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All remaining dividends will be added to the diminishing taxes collected by the government. The combined total, by prior deliberation, will increase Federal revenues more than enough to eliminate deficit spending, and meet all other present and future needs, within reason; including loan installments.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING AND BEYOND BY CONTINUOUSLY BUYING ADDITIONAL SECURITIES WITH A PORTION OF ALL THE DIVIDENDS IT COLLECTS FROM A CONSTANTLY GROWING PORTFOLIO.

Government income will soon exceed budgeted expenditures. After that, constantly increasing SURPLUSES will be apportioned to (1) start reducing the National Debt, and (2) establish and fund social programs authorized by Congress, such as universal health care, tax free Social Security, low cost housing, tax free education through all levels, etc. No more deficit spending!

When the National Debt is paid off, the CSSG Plan calls for Repeal of the 16th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, abolishing Federal Income Taxes forever! Only then will we be free.

Get together with friends and neighbors. Tell your Congressional representatives that if they expect to stay in office they will make it their business to enact the CSSG Plan into law as soon as possible. THIS IS THE LEAST YOU CAN DO FOR OUR CHILDREN.

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DEAR JIM,

I have worked all weekend
on these suggestions for the
President's last debate to night.
Sometimes IT IS beneficial to
listen to an average American.
I want him to win! Please glance
at the attached and see if there
is anything he can use.

May God Bless You,
Florence Morton

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October 18, 1992

Dear President Bush,

After listening to your last debate on television I was compelled to sit down and offer some suggestions of things you may want to stress with passion on your last debate on October 19, 1992.

1. Character of the Presidency:

- A. The Presidency doesn't have character, the man who is elected President must have good moral character and good judgement. Don't let them stop you from slinging the truth about Clinton's poor character. You mentioned Clinton's demonstrations against the Viet Nam War but you forgot to mention he lied about organizing the demonstrations - you must bring the point home that he has a habit of lying. Tell the people you will not be silenced regarding Clinton's character. It is not mud slinging it is the truth. It sounds like mud because the truth is so dirty!
- B. Ross Perot says he won't hire a man that has been unfaithful to his wife. He says if his wife can't trust him how can I? Well how can the American people trust Clinton when Valerie can't trust him?
- C. When you call him a waffler - site specific dates and places he said this then said that. (In fact in my opinion a TV commercial should show Clinton saying one thing then saying another).

2. Ross Perot's public relations skills:

- A. Perot says he will have both parties of Congress walking arm in arm together agreeing on major bills that need to be passed. He says he'll do this by talking to each side. Tell Perot "Welcome to the real world" with passion and frustration tell the American people how many times in your four years you sat and talked to Congress or invited members to breakfast or lunch or phoned them. Site specific bills that you cared very much about that were blown up in your face at the last minute because they sent the bill back with a 70 million dollar tax increase attached to it or what ever they did.

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B. Don't let Clinton get away with his claim that you vetoed the bill calling for special districts in Los Angeles that would help the poor to get ahead. You did not make it clear what happened. Talk about how it kills you to see the dirty tricks the democrates play with the poor people's future opportunities. The Democrates knew you would not sign a tax increase so in essence they killed the Districts Bill. Again stress how these dirty politics hurt the poor. And for God's sake please list the bills you did get passed. The average American does not know what you got passed in the last four years.

3. The Budget Deficit:

A. Yell at the American people! Say why blame me for the deficit? I don't write the checks or spend the money or pass the bills - Congress does! Explain in baby language how a bill gets passed. Tell them how little power you have to get good bills passed. All you have power to do is to veto. The congress has loaded so much junk on top of the good bills that you had to veto them. And of course we are washing the baby down the drain with the bath water. Use this time to beg the people for a line item veto. Also stress again, the need for limiting congress' term of office so that congress will not vote good bills down just because they fear that their job will end soon without their party's staying in power.

4. Foreign Affairs:

A. Tell the American people that the reason you're so successful in foreign affairs is two fold. 1. You have been in government for so many years you know these foreign Heads of State on a first name basis and they trust you. 2. It is the only power you have that Congress cannot muddle up for you. You are the Commander in Chief of all the Armed Forces and you do your best when you can make decisions without Congress getting their two cents in and messing things up.

B. Also tell the American people that while you were focusing on the war with Iraq, the recession was creeping in. The time spent on that was not just three months, it was many months before and after the war that needed your attention because of Saddam Hussein's trying to build up nuclear arms.

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- C. Give the example of a father who has two children - one is in danger of losing his life - the other comes home and announces he has been layed off from his job. You care deeply about both of them but you have to focus on the one who is in danger of dying. That is how it is when serious foreign threat looms over America.
- D. Also, stress again and again this recession in America is Global. That the whole world is in a recession. We know our economy would be better if we were at war but we don't want to be always at war. That we are paying the normal price for peace. Explain why! For example, less military, less need for arms, less jobs making arms, etc.
5. The question about how has the recession personally hurt you:
- A. Answer - Quite candidly say there is no one in this country that is more personally effected by the recession. You are being blamed for it. If you listen to the polls you are going to lose an opportunity to serve as President for four more years. For no other reason would you be replaced other than the economy. Everyone agrees that you have a good moral character and trust your judgement in all affairs except the economy.
- B. As you said in the last debate, - I don't have to be unemployed to hurt inside for all those who are unemployed. In fact 90% of our people are not unemployed! Yet we are all concerned. When you realized just how bad things were on the economic side you rushed different bills to congress to stimulate growth to provide more jobs and they were turned down or distorted.
6. How you will fix the economy:
- A. List specifically what bills you are introducing and what it would do for all Americans. Tell the American people that the only way you can get these bills through is with a Congress that is not partisan. Ask the people for help when they vote for their Congressman or Senator in November.

Final Statement:

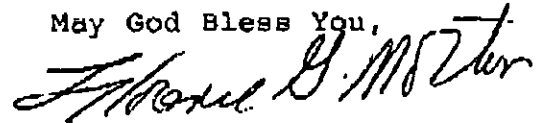
I'm sorry I told you I would not raise taxes and then let the Democrats convince me that it was the only way to get our deficit down. I promise I will never do that again! I love my Country,

President Bush
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I love the American people. It would kill me to think I would not have the time as President to get us to the #1 position in the economic world as we are now the #1 super power in military affairs.

Please give me that chance on November 3rd. I promise I won't let you down!

May God Bless You,



Florence G. Morton

P.S. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO STRESS THE SMALL SIZE OF ARKANSAS! IT IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF ONE COUNTY IN TEXAS.

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October 18, 1992

Mr. James Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

I am writing this letter with some suggestions which I hope will be of some help to President Bush in his bid for re-election.

I am an ophthalmologist in private practice in New York City and have the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the NYU School of Medicine.

For some time now, I have felt that the President presents a much more positive image of himself when he has his bifocal glasses on. His eyes appear larger and his facial features are more relaxed since it is easier for him to see. The magnifying quality of his lenses further enlarge his eyes. He then seems stronger and more robust.

On the other hand, his eyes appear smaller and he "squints" in straining to see without his spectacles. He then seems a bit drawn and presents a weaker image.

My suggestion is that the President should keep his glasses on at all times in public. The perception of him will be more consistent and positive.

Enclosed is an article appearing in the October 5, 1992 issue of the AMA's American Medical News which ranks the 50 states according to the health of the population. Arkansas is ranked 44th in 1992, dropping from 40th in 1991.

Good luck to you and the President.

Sincerely yours,

Newton B. Chin

Newton B. Chin, M.D.

How your state ranks

	1992	1991
Alabama	43	42
Alaska	46	40
Arizona	33	40
Arkansas	44	40
California	22	22
Colorado	7	10
Connecticut	17	17
Delaware	26	28
Florida	41	42
Georgia	38	38
Hawaii	2	2
Idaho	33	35
Illinois	32	32
Indiana	19	18
Iowa	7	8
Kansas	7	9
Kentucky	36	36
Louisiana	38	38
Maine	15	15
Maryland	21	23
Massachusetts	12	1
Michigan	24	28
Minnesota	1	2
Mississippi	46	47
Missouri	31	32
Montana	26	19
Nebraska	5	5
Nevada	41	48
New Hampshire	3	3
New Jersey	14	15
New Mexico	28	27
New York	8	9
North Carolina	38	40
North Dakota	1	1
Ohio	21	21
Oklahoma	2	2
Oregon	31	31
Pennsylvania	16	16
Rhode Island	2	2
South Carolina	35	35
South Dakota	21	21
Tennessee	29	29
Texas	25	25
Utah	10	10
Vermont	3	3
Virginia	13	13
Washington	11	11
West Virginia	45	45
Wisconsin	18	18
Wyoming	28	28

Source: North American Life Insurance Co.

Looking for a healthy state? Try Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota has the nation's healthiest population, while West Virginians are the least healthy, according to an annual study based on factors such as access to health care and occupational safety.

Hawaii took the No. 2 spot, followed by New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Utah, Nebraska, Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas and Vermont.

At the bottom were Mississippi, Alaska, Louisiana, New Mexico, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida and Nevada.

The greatest strides in 1992 were made by Vermont and Arizona; while Montana, Arkansas and Mississippi slipped the most, according to Northwestern National Life Insurance Co.

Minnesota regained the No. 1 spot it held in 1990 due mainly to lower mortality rates and a low incidence of occupational fatalities and disabilities. For West Virginia, a high incidence of work-related deaths and disabilities contributed to its last-place showing.

Rankings were based on 17 components that measure lifestyle, access to health care, occupational safety and disability, disease and mortality. States with the most-improved health ranking from 1991 to 1992 were:

■ Vermont, from 14th to a tie for seventh with Iowa, Colorado, Connecticut and Kansas, due to an increase in support for public health care and a decrease in motor vehicle deaths.

■ Arizona, from 40th to 33rd, mostly because of an increase in public health care and lower unemployment.

States falling the most in rank were:

■ Montana, from 19th to 26th, because of an increase in motor vehicle deaths and a high incidence of occupational fatalities.

■ Arkansas, from 40th to 44th, due to an increase in infectious disease rates.

WHAT TO WRITE FOR

■ **Controlling smoking.** The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services has published the first in a projected series on controlling tobacco use.

Smoking and Tobacco Control Monographs #1 is entitled "Strategies to Control Tobacco Use in the United States: A Blueprint for Public Health Action in the 1990's." The work contains detailed demographic data on smoking.

The monograph (NIH Publication No. 92-3316) can be ordered by calling (800) 4-CANCER.

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DEAR MR. HARVEY,
AS PER TELEPHONE CONVO; ENCLOSED ARE SOME IDEAS TO
HELP THE BUSH CAMPAIGN. THESE IDEAS CAN BE COMBINED WITH EACH
OTHER IN SOME CASES AND PUT IN NEWSPAPER ADS (REGULAR & ETHNIC); T.V. ADS;
RADIO; OR USED IN SPEECHES BY PRES. BUSH OR V.P. QUAYLE TO CERTAIN GROUPS.

I WILL BE AVAILABLE BY PHONE IF YOU WANT MORE DETAILS AND
IF NECESSARY I WILL GO DOWN TO WASH D.C. TO HELP IN ANY WAY ON
SHORT NOTICE.

THE FIRST IDEA, IN MY ESTIMATION, IS A HOME RUN
IN THE BOTTOM OF THE NINTH INNING TO WIN THE GAME.

I AM ALSO SENDING ELISE HILLMAN AND ETHEL OPSAFF JAMES
BAKER A COPY OF WHAT I AM SENDING YOU.

WE HOPE FOR VICTORY.

YOURS TRULY

Raymond H. Eazer Corbin

P.S. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF SHORTFALL OF CANADIAN NAT. HEALTH
CARE THAT WAS IN PHARMACY JOURNAL.

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1. BUS MOTORCADE - FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. TO PHILADELPHIA (INDEPENDENCE HALL), EACH BUS CONTAINING A DIFFERENT COUNTRY FREED FROM REPRESSION UNDER REAGAN AND BUSH. BANNERS ALONGSIDE EACH BUS IN NATIVE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH, THANKING AMERICA & PRES. BUSH. UPON ARRIVAL, PRES. BUSH AWAITS A THANK YOU GREETING FROM EACH COUNTRY.
2. ECONOMY - AMERICAN FARM PRODUCTS FOR RUSSIAN OIL. OIL CAN BE USED IN GOVERNMENT VEHICLES, WHICH IN TURN WILL CREATE MORE JOBS.
3. VOLUNTEER FIREMAN - OUTSIDE OF ANY INSURANCE MONEY GIVEN TO FAMILIES OF FIREMAN KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, AWARD PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO COLLEGE OF CHOICE OR FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO ANY U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY TO CHILDREN.
4. CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT - NATIONWIDE COVERAGE WITH FORMER PRES. REAGAN AND MOVIE STARS, MUSICIANS, AND SPORTS STARS/ATHLETES.
5. VETERANS RALLY - ENDORSEMENT FOR BUSH.
6. ETHNIC ADVERTISEMENT - T.V., RADIO, NEWSPAPERS = BLACK, HISPANIC, GREEK, ARABIC, POLISH, GERMAN, ETC.
7. SAMPLE AD - PUT IN MAJOR U.S. CITY NEWSPAPERS.

CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY THAT THE
LAST TWELVE YEARS HAVE BEEN
A FAILURE?

ABROAD:

GRENADA - FREE

PHILLIPINES - DEMOCRACY

PANAMA - DEMOCRACY

BERLIN WALL - CRUMBLING

COMMUNISM - DIMINISHING

SOVIET UNION AND CAPTIVE NATIONS -

NICARAGUA - DEMOCRACY

FREE

AFGHANISTAN - FREE

KUWAIT - FREE

ATOMIC WARFARE - TREATIES

MID-EAST HOSTAGES AND MANDELA - FREE

AT HOME:

INTEREST RATES - DRASTICALLY
REDUCED SINCE PRES. CARTER.

INFLATION - DRASTICALLY REDUCED
SINCE PRES. CARTER.

SPACE PROGRAM - MANY ADVANCES MADE

WAR ON DRUGS - IMPROVING

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

1. POSSIBLE ARAB / ISRAELI PEACE.
2. HOPEFUL CYPRIOTE PEACE TREATY.
3. URGING CASTRO TO GIVE UP
COMMUNISM IN CUBA.
4. APPOINTING JAMES BAKER TO
OVERSEE ECONOMY.

RE-ELECT BUSH KEEP AMERICA #1 IN THE WORLD.

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cover story

Another country heard from: the Canadian system

While President Bush and Governor Clinton clash over their respective health care reform proposals, many Americans favor a different and far more radical restructuring of the system: an all-out government-run national health insurance plan such as the one in place in Canada.

Under the Canadian system, each province provides universal health insurance coverage with no deductibles or co-payments. It's financed through stiff taxes, and stringent reimbursement controls are imposed to hold down costs.

Can such a plan work in the U.S.?

A recent study by the Congressional Budget Office concludes that a Canadian-style NHI system would not only be workable in this country, but cost-effective to boot.

Although increased utilization of "free" health care services would add some \$64 billion a year to U.S. health costs, GAO estimates that this rise would be more than off-set by the "administrative savings" resulting from provider reimbursement curbs and the elim-

ination of multiple third-party payers.

The bottom line, according to GAO: the U.S. would actually save \$3 billion a year by switching to a cradle-to-grave Canadian-style NHI scheme.

System has flaws

Despite these findings, neither Bush nor Clinton is advocating outright national health insurance coverage. And for good reason, critics of the Canadian system say.

NHI opponents characterize the Canadian plan as a deeply flawed system that is already beginning to crumble of its own weight.

Life-saving health care is rationed by limiting physician access to new technology, "patients must endure long lines" for routine treatment, and typically are forced to wait months for needed surgery, they argue.

In British Columbia, for example, it takes an average of 3.5 months to get tonsillectomy, and the wait for a coronary bypass is nearly twice as long. Many Canadians in need of treatment simply cross the border and secure it in the U.S.

Bush: what's wrong with Clinton's health care prescription?

The "play or pay" approach advocated by the Democrats is structurally unsound and would cascade into a form of national health insurance with employers shifting some 59 million privately-insured workers on to the government run plan, Bush campaign officials contend.

A key concern is the impact of the scheme on employment. By forcing business to provide health coverage or pay a new 7 percent to 9 percent payroll tax to fund a federal program, "a Clinton style play-or-pay health care plan would cause as many as 700,000 jobs to be lost," they said.

Independent researchers predict that such health coverage

mandates would jeopardize over 9 million U.S. jobs. A recent survey of small business owners found that nearly one-fourth would have to lay off workers if forced to pay \$150 per month for employee health benefits, while even more would have to close down altogether.

"This proposal will cause millions of small businesses to jettison their workers into the new public program," officials at the National Federation of Independent Business warned. "If the American people want a health care system which has the efficiency of the postal service and the compassion of the IRS, they'll love the play or pay idea."

Bush vs. Clinton: The battle for pharmacy

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today, a family of four earning \$30,000 would be able to deduct (or receive a credit for) up to \$3,750 in health insurance costs—fully 12 percent of taxable income," Bush officials stressed.

The tax deduction as well as the tax credit would be available both to those without insurance and to workers whose employers pay less than \$3,700 a year toward their coverage. Self-employed individuals would be allowed to deduct 100 percent of health insurance premiums or claim the applicable tax credit.

The President's plan would also expand coverage of uninsured workers through a series of incentives designed to encourage small businesses to offer health benefits.

Under this scheme, small businesses would be pooled into new "Health Insurance Networks" enabling them to lower their premiums by pooling their resources and risks.

The Administration is further seeking to prohibit health insurers from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions—a step that "would eliminate the problematic 'job lock' that keeps Americans from moving from one job to another for fear that their new employer's plan" will not provide them with essential coverage.

Cost control

To control runaway health costs, the President's initiative contains a series of strategies starting with medical malpractice reforms "to end needless lawsuits that drive up insurance and drive out needed doctors."

In addition, Bush is proposing stepped up emphasis on coordinated health care to more effectively pool resources, diagnose conditions, encourage preventive care, and direct patients to the least costly, most effective treatments.

Like Clinton, Bush sees the potential for substantial savings through reform of third-party billing procedures and elimina-

tion of paperwork. "Twenty-first century technology" such as electronic billing by pharmacists and other providers and electronic benefit cards for patients can reduce health insurance administrative costs by 25 percent, Administration officials contend.

Unlike the Clinton camp, however, Bush Administration officials are cool on proposals limiting tax breaks for the pharmaceutical industry—a move they fear could discourage manufacturer R&D and stifle the development of important medicines.

Instead, Bush supporters emphasize lower-priced generic drugs as a key vehicle for helping to hold down pharmaceutical costs.

Further cost savings are envisioned as a result of a stepped up emphasis on preventive care—\$4 billion in additional federal funding for these activities has already been squeezed into the Administration's budget for next year.

Not all of the health care cost containment initiatives planned by the President depend on government actions. The Administration is also counting on the American public to help curb rising expenses.

Indeed, a key element in the plan involves providing consumers with broader access to information that will help them decide which health insurance policy best suits their needs, and which health care products, services and providers offer the best value.

"Greater consumer knowledge in this area will go a long way toward controlling overall costs by limiting the influence of doctors and insurance companies who have an interest in raising costs," Administration health planners said.

Health coverage for the indigent would remain in place under the existing Medicaid program, although Administration officials plan to encourage states to implement "coordinated care Medicaid programs" to increase the efficiency of services provided to the poor.

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Don't
If'n Republicans
Want TRUTH:

Why does ^{G.}BUSH have
a Residential TAX

DODGE in TEXASS,
and DYE his hair;
(unlike his Wife) ???

and

Why does Natl Guard
DRAFT DODGER ^{P.}Quayle
wear a DYED WIG?

Abe Diogenes

Macon, 10/29/92

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Mrs. James Baker III
Chief of Staff
The White House

Dear Mrs. Baker;

First of all forgive me for constructing this letter, but the urgency of my message prompted me to do this. As they as I watched several newscast and programs about the election I became alarmed. I decided to write my ideas on what I would like to hear from the President and take me perhaps the majority of the American people.

I believe that a clearing speech in tonight's debate based on some of my recommendations would allow the President to a positive message, a sincere and true interpretation of why among many other reasons he should be present for another four years.

Pledges all that is possible to avoid the calamity of having his opponent in the White House.

Yours truly,

Robert D. ...

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

ATTENTION MR. JAMES POWERS III, CHIEF OF STAFF

Dear Mr. President

Try this on your closing speech tonight.

I believe that if I am elected President for my last Constitutional four years, nobody - not even the ^{best} candidates in history, can be situated in this precise moment, as I am, to exercise the Presidency to the best interest of our great Nation and you the People.

No candidate today has the possibility. This is granted only to me. I am the only incumbent president at this moment, and the only one that knows that if elected, these last four years that I would have the honor to serve as president would be my last.

The first four years a president governs in a limited way. First the job is known, the responsibilities are enormous, every decision or indecision affects millions of people and billions of dollars. The learning process is speeded up by events but it cannot be treated lightly, because you have been entrusted by the people to carry out the responsibilities of this powerful and honored office.

Second. During the first four years a president is also measuring the probability of re-election. Any president believes, as I believe, that during a second term he will be able to discharge those obligations confided to him, by the people, in a better and more efficient way. When elected to his last four years he will find himself, as I will if you give me this opportunity, more in tune with the office, he knows how it works, he is in familiar surroundings, he also knows, who is who in government and what interest brings them with whom he meets and negotiates for the good of his country. He is by now, as I am, completely at ease and very knowledgeable of all world leaders who can affect the economy and/or security of this great nation and the world, this is done with total understanding of world affairs.

Most of all he has matured, as I have, into his last constitutional four years without any political obligation, since he cannot be re-elected. Therefore he dedicates himself totally, as I would, to accomplish and turn into reality all of the dreams of the people of America. He is unencumbered and with his experience of the first four years as president he can set his mind, as I will, to do everything that is humanly possible, and using all the power and prestige of his office, guide domestic policy and world events for the good of our country and implant his legacy on history.

If you the American people give me this opportunity to use all that I have learned, for another four years, I will be your president and we will govern this great nation together.

I give you my word that on all major issues, such as the economy, defense, education and others not less important, which are turned into issues of partisan debate, and therefore inaction and procrastination you the people will decide.

We will give you through the media and our communication network the means to understand in simple language what the choices are between the different opinions, and you will let your congressman and your president know your decision.

Thank you and God Bless you.

YOURS TRULY

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